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Tree Warden

HARRY R. McGREGOR

Trustees Public Library

ROBERT B. WALSH, Chairman
Term expires 1927

ARTHUR F. CHANDLER
Term expires 1928

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL
Term expires 1926

School Committee

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR., Chairman
Term expires 1927

MRS. ADELAIDE D. WALSH
Term expires 1926

ALEXANDER H. SPROUL
Term expires 1928

Cemetery Commissioners

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman
Term expires 1927

FRANCIS C. NORTON
Term expires 1928

MRS. ADALIZA C. ROBERTS
Term expires 1926

Park Commissioners

PERCIVAL D. WHIPPLE, Chairman
Term expires 1927

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL
Term expires 1928

EDWARD A. DeWITT
Term expires 1926

Constables

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK

ALFRED T. POOLE

CHARLES H. SMITH

Chief of Police

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK

Moth Superintendent

HARRY R. McGREGOR

Superintendent of Cemetery

WILLIAM G. McKAY

Registrars of Voters

FRANK W. BUZZELL, Chairman
Term expires 1928

GEORGE E. SMITH
Term expires 1926

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN
Term expires 1927

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, Clerk

Sealer of Weights and Measures

RANDALL E. ADAMS

Town Accountant

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

Town Counsel

ROBERT B. WALSH

Fire Engineers

CHESTER H. KNOWLES, Chief

RODNEY H. ADAMS
LESTER M. WHIPPLE

FRANK DANE
HARRY R. McGREGOR

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Brought forward		$143,268 33

LICENSES

Junk	$50 00	
Peddlers	18 00	
Auto (second hand dealer)	16 00	
Denatured Alcohol	9 00	
Pool and Bowling	2 00	
Oleo	1 00	
		96 00

FINES AND FORFEITS

Fines:		
Court	$142 81	
		142 81

GRANTS AND GIFTS

From State:		
Industrial School	$154 00	
Essex Street Account	4,005 12	
From County:		
Dog Tax	277 00	
Essex Street Account	4,005 12	
		8,441 24

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Moth Assessment 1923	$66 03	
Moth Assessment 1924	264 29	
Moth Assessment 1925	717 32	
		$1,047 64
Forwarded		$152,996 02

Brought forward		$152,996 02
General Government		
Selectmen, half expense setting boundary stone	$2 50	
Town Clerk, Phone Tolls	70	
Town Hall, Rent	62 00	
		65 20
Protection Persons and Property		
Inspection:		
Sealer's Fees	$36 24	
Forestry:		
State Highway Work	76 28	
Forest Warden, Phone Tolls	39 70	
		152 22
Health		
From State:		
Tuberculosis Subsidy	$192 85	
From Cities and Town:		
Tuberculosis	313 30	
		506 15
Charities		
Outside Relief:		
From State	$457 09	
Mothers' Aid:		
From State	1,017 40	
From Cities and Towns	929 50	
		2,403 99
Forwarded		$156,123 58

Brough forward			$250,712 86
	BALANCES		
General Cash Jan. 1, 1925	$22,330 52		
Dodge Fund Income Jan. 1, 1925	101 24		
Allen Fund Income Jan. 1, 1925	32 43		
		$22,464 19	
			22,464 19
			$273,177 05

Expenditures

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislative

Moderator	$20 00	
Finance Committee	4 56	
		$24 56

Selectmen

Salaries and Wages:		
Selectmen	$850 00	
Clerk	50 00	
Other Expenses:		
Stationery, postage, etc.	36 27	
Car fare and expenses	69 19	
Perambulation Town Lines:		
Hamilton-Ipswich	40 00	
Hamilton-Topsfield	35 90	
Setting Boundary Stone	5 00	
Typewriting and Stenography	5 25	
Fee to County, Relocation Street Lines	3 00	
Express and Freight	74	
		1,095 35

Accounting

Salaries and Wages:		
Accountant	$1,200 00	
Forwarded	$1,200 00	$1,119 91

Brought forward		$6,688 71

Law

Salaries and Wages:		
Town Counsel	$300 00	
		300 00

Election and Registration

Salaries and Wages:		
Registrars of Voters	$200 00	
Election Officers	110 00	
Other Expenses:		
Printing, Postage, etc.	117 03	
Stenographic Reports and Typewriting	79 00	
Food, Election Officers and Registrars	19 13	
		525 16

Town Hall

Salaries and Wages:		
Janitor	$818 75	
Extra labor	48 00	
Other Expenses:		
Fuel	520 50	
Repairs	313 41	
Light	120 24	
Phone	65 01	
Janitor's Supplies	32 25	
Forwarded	$1,918 16	$7,513 87

Brought forward	$1,918 16	$7,513 87	
Removing Ashes and Work on Dump	40 00		
Rent of Dump	12 00		
Repairing Library Clock	10 00		
Tuning Piano	8 00		
Laundry	1 25		
P. O. Box Rent	1 05		
Sharpening Mowers	4 00		
		1,994 46	
Total Expenses General Government			$9,508 33

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Salaries and Wages:			
Chief of Police	$695 70		
Police Officers	1,070 40		
Other Expenses:			
Equipment and Repairs	78 86		
Phone	94 40		
Fuel and Light	42 36		
Rent	100 00		
Serving Dog Warrant	30 00		
Legal Advice	25 00		
Light, Traffic Beacons	16 20		
Typewriting	9 75		
Fees by Order of Court	7 20		
Medical Aid, Prisoners	6 00		
Forwarded	$2,175 87		$9,508 33

Brought forward	$2,175 87		$9,508 33
Food, Prisoners	5 25		
Finger Print Service	5 00		
Stationery, Postage, etc.	5 00		
Car Fare and Expenses	2 68		
		$2,193 80	

Fire Department

Salaries and Wages:			
Firemen	$574 86		
Chief Mechanic	75 00		
Superintendent of Alarms	25 00		
Clerk 1924	25 00		
Clerk 1925	25 00		
Janitor	74 50		
Equipment and Repairs	674 93		
Power Fire Alarm	78 18		
Fuel	130 50		
Light	89 82		
Building and Grounds:			
Repairs	88 60		
Labor on Grounds	41 75		
Janitor's Supplies	11 23		
Printing, Postage, etc.	20 50		
Telephone	57 54		
Supplies, Auto Chemical	151 46		
Gasoline and Oil	37 08		
Storage Auto Chemical	30 00		
Storage, Fire Wagon	15 00		
Freight and Express	16 83		
Forwarded	$2,242 78	$2,193 80	$9,508 33

Brought forward	$2,242 78	$2,193 80	$9,508 33
Legal Fees	15 00		
Enlargement Films	7 20		
Food, Firemen	3 58		
Typewriting	3 00		
Payments Fire Department (General)		2,271 56	

RELIEF INJURED FIREMEN

Medical Aid	$1,928 00		
Clothing	195 40		
Supplies	90 12		
		2,213 52	

REPAIRS PEERLESS

Repairs	$596 92		
		596 92	

FIRE INSURANCE

Insurance	$477 40		
		477 40	

NEW HOSE

New Fire Hose	$1,250 00		
		1,250 00	

SEALER

Salaries and Wages: Sealer	$114 58		
Forwarded	$114 58	$9,003 20	$9,508 33

Brought forward	$114 58	$9,003 20	$9,508 33
Other Expenses:			
Transportation	158 25		
Equipment	21 63		
		294 46	

Insect Pest Extermination

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	$1,021 85		
Labor	1,813 50		
Other Expenses:			
Teams	219 38		
Equipment and Repairs	804 90		
Insecticides	362 85		
Insurance, Liability	111 60		
Insurance, Automobile	44 10		
Gasoline and Oil	189 49		
Storage, Auto Truck	66 00		
Drum, Sprayer Oil	15 12		
Telephone	23 04		
Car Fare and Expenses	5 00		
Printing, Postage, etc.	3 15		
Auto Registration	2 00		
Operator's License	2 00		
Freight and Express	70		
		4,684 68	
Payments:			
From Appropriation	$4,684 68		
Forwarded		$13,982 34	$9,508 33

Brought forward		$13,982 34	$9,508 33
Receipts:			
Private Property Work Assessed to Property Owners with Town Tax also State Highway Work, Reimbursed	1,029 34		
Balance, Net Cost to Town	$3,655 34		

TREE WARDEN

Salaries and Wages	$770 00		
Equipment and Repairs	15 45		
Teams	4 50		
		789 95	

FOREST WARDEN

Salaries and Wages:			
Forest Warden	$25 00		
Other Expenses:			
Phone	56 34		
		81 34	
Total Payments Protection Persons and Property			$14,853 63
Payments, Forest Warden	$81 34		
Receipts:			
Personal Phone Tolls	39 70		
Balance, Net Cost to Town	$41 64		
Forwarded			$24,361 96

Brought forward			$24,361 96

Health and Sanitation

General Administration:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Board of Health	$100 00		
Clerk	25 00		
Printing, Postage, etc.	7 46		
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:			
Board and Treatment	100 00		
Medicine and Medical Aid	106 00		
Groceries	24 00		
Fuel	10 00		
Tuberculosis:			
Board and Treatment	574 60		
Other Expenses:			
Labor, Public Dumps	37 50		
Rental, Public Dump 1924	50 00		
Signs for Public Dumps	33 00		
Fumigation and Disinfection	37 10		
Collection Rubbish	846 25		
Burying Dead Animals	2 00		
Express	38		
Payments from Health Appropriation		1,953 29	
Payments, Health	$1,953 29		
Receipts, from State and Cities	506 15		
Balance, Net Cost to Town	$1,447 14		
Forwarded		$1,953 29	$24,361 96

Brought forward		$1,953 29	$24,391 66

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Inspection:			
Animals	$58 25		
		58 25	

ASSESSMENTS BY COUNTY

Main. Essex Sanatorium	$1,138 34		
		1,138 34	
Total Payments Health and Sanitation			$3,149 88

HIGHWAYS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages:			
Surveyor of Highways	$1,003 74		
Other Expenses:			
Auto Hire	120 00		
		$1,123 74	

GENERAL EXPENDITURES

Labor	$8,539 88		
Teams and Trucks	4,878 00		
Stone, Gravel, etc.	740 10		
Equipment and Repairs	1,090 66		
Patching Material	632 59		
Gasoline and Oil	609 60		
Insurance, Liability	177 91		
Forwarded	$16,668 74	$1,123 74	$27,511 84

Brought forward	$16,668 74	$1,123 74	$27,511 84
Insurance, Auto	117 80		
Storage, Auto	32 00		
Surveying	117 27		
Advertising Street Hearings	29 00		
Printing, Stationery, etc.	21 25		
Painting Signs	6 50		
Car Fare and Expenses	3 55		
Telephone	3 00		
Auto Registration	2 00		
		17,001 11	
BRIDGES			
Salaries and Wages	4 75		
Lumber	46 79		
		51 54	
OILING			
Road Oil	$1,765 42		
		1,765 42	
ROAD ROLLER			
Engineer	$804 00		
Repairs	185 37		
Fuel	58 01		
Oil and Waste	4 25		
Freight and Express	2 07		
		1,053 70	
Forwarded		$20,995 51	$27,511 84

Brought forward		$20,995 51	$27,511 84

OTHER EXPENSES

Street Signs	$5 06		
		5 06	
Total		$21,000 57	
Payments:			
Highway (General)	$19,996 83		
Highway (Surveyor's Salary)	1,003 74		
Total	$21,000 57		

SNOW

Salaries and Wages	$1,522 60		
Teams	499 00		
Other Expenses:			
Equipment and Repairs	1,350 89		
Gasoline and Oil	250 09		
Storage Trucks	210 00		
Registration Mack Truck	105 00		
Sand	52 50		
Food	4 95		
Car Fare and Expenses	3 40		
Freight and Express	67		
		$3,999 10	
Forwarded		$24,999 67	$27,511 84

Brought forward		$24,999 67	$27,511 84

STREET LIGHTING

Contract	$7,201 59		
		7,201 59	

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

BRIDGE STREET

Labor	$2,390 00		
Teams	1,254 39		
Road Oil	337 00		
Stone, Gravel, etc.	169 80		
Mason Work and Pipe	554 16		
Dynamiting	114 50		
Surveying	66 21		
Fuel, Road Roller	55 06		
Advertising Hearing	22 00		
Equipment and Repairs	13 05		
Gas and Oil	9 75		
Detour Signs	6 00		
Lumber	4 80		
Fee, Petition to County	3 00		
		4,999 72	

ESSEX STREET

Contract	$11,942 40		
Catch Basins and Covers	36 31		
Forwarded	$11,978 71	$37,200 98	$27,511 84

Brought forward	$11,978 71	$37,200 98	$27,511 84
Freight	2 46		
Advertising for Bids	34 20		
		12,015 37	
Payments	$12,015 37		
Received from State and County	8,010 24		
Balance (Net Cost to Town)	$4,005 13		

Traffic Beacons

Traffic Beacons and Installing	$476 76		
		476 76	

Plum Street

Contract	$1,199 00		
Surveying	115 17		
Extra Work	39 00		
		$1,353 17	

Railroad Avenue Sidewalk

Contract	$392 50		
Stone Dust	20 00		
Surveying	31 00		
Extra Work	5 00		
		448 50	
Forwarded		$51,494 78	$27,511 84

Brought forward		$51,494 78	$27,511 84

GUARD RAIL AND STREET SIGNS

Guard Rail:		
Labor	$545 25	
Materials	311 35	
Street Signs:		
Signs	141 52	
		998 12

UNION STREET CISTERN

Contract	$1,242 00	
Specifications and Contract	5 00	
		1,247 00

RUST STREET DRAINAGE

Contract	$435 50	
Specifications and Contract	4 00	
		439 50

GRANT AVENUE

Labor	$271 50	
Teams	120 38	
Gravel, Stone, etc.	68 70	
		460 58

HOME STREET SIDEWALK (CONSTRUCTION)

Labor	$306 50	
Teams	144 00	
Gravel, Stone, etc.	30 00	
		480 50
Forwarded		$55,120 48 $27,511 84

Brought forward		$55,120 48	$27,511 84

HOME STREET (LAND DAMAGE)

Land Damage	$122 52		
Notices by Registered Mail	2 00		
		124 52	
Total Payments Highway Division			$55,245 00

CHARITIES

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages:			
Overseers	$100 00		
Clerk	25 00		
Other Expenses:			
Stationery, Printing, etc.	2 71		
		$127 71	

OUTSIDE RELIEF

Groceries and Provisions	$49 42		
Fuel	28 00		
Board and Care	361 00		
Medical Aid	67 00		
Cash Aid	1,097 00		
Rent	6 17		
Clothing	5 00		
Burials	80 00		
		1,693 59	
Forwarded		$1,821 30	$82,756 93

Brought forward		$1,821 30	$82,756 93

RELIEF BY OTHER TOWNS AND CITIES

By Cities:			
Groceries	$296 21		
Fuel	82 28		
Medicine	2 45		
Rent	174 00		
Transportation	10 00		
		564 94	

MOTHERS' AID

Cash	$1,894 00		
Medical Aid	106 90		
Milk	119 25		
Eye Glasses	8 00		
		2,128 15	
Total Payments, Charities			$4,514 39
Payments, Charities	$4,514 39		
Receipts:			
From State, Cities and Towns	2,403 99		
Balance (Net Cost to Town)	$2,110 40		

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid	$228 00		
		228 00	
Forwarded		$228 00	$87,271 32

Brought forward		$228 00	$87,271 32
Soldiers' Relief:			
Medical Aid	$345 21		
Cash Aid	96 00		
		441 21	
			669 21

SCHOOLS

General

School Committee:			
Purchasing Agent	$75 00		
Chairman	25 00		
Secretary	25 00		
Superintendent of Schools:			
Salary	1,200 00		
Clerk and Expenses	339 82		
Truant Officer, Salary	100 00		
Printing, Stationery, etc.	62 76		
Telephone	108 25		
Travelling Expense	102 98		
School Census	30 00		
Health:			
School Nurse	648 00		
Supplies	112 63		
School Physician	300 00		
Dental Work	28 00		
Other Expenses:			
School Library	241 20		
Supervision Phys. Training	105 00		
		$3,503 64	
Forwarded		$3,503 64	$87,940 53

Brought forward		$3,503 64	$87,940 53
	TEACHERS' SALARIES		
High	$9,720 80		
Elementary (Includes Junior High)	14,911 50		
Retirement Fund:			
High	411 90		
Elementary	611 80		
		25,656 00	
	TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES		
High:			
Books	$356 79		
Supplies	904 19		
Elementary:			
Books	344 74		
Supplies	648 00		
		2,253 72	
	TRANSPORTATION		
High	$2,387 50		
Elementary	2,387 50		
		4,775 00	
	JANITOR SERVICE		
High	$750 00		
Elementary:			
Regular	1,550 00		
Special	27 50		
		2,327 50	
Forwarded		$38,515 86	$87,940 53

Brought forward		$38,515 86	$87,940 53

FUEL AND LIGHT

High	$414 04	
Elementary	904 00	
		1,318 04

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

High:		
Repairs	$678 86	
Janitor's Supplies	117 67	
Elementary:		
Repairs	965 62	
Janitor's Supplies	117 77	
		1,879 92

FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

High	$84 34	
Elementary	127 28	
		211 62

OTHER EXPENSES

Graduation Exercises	$18 40	
Freight and Express	10 22	
Tuning Piano	12 00	
Prizes for Speaking	8 13	
Fees, Essex County Contest	4 00	
		52 75
Total Payments School Appropriation		$41,978 19
Forwarded		$87,940 53

Brought forward		$41,978 19	$87,940 53

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

School House Insurance

Fire Insurance	$363 46		
		363 46	

Industrial School Tuition

Beverly Industrial School	$250 50		
Lawrence Training School	93 42		
		343 92	

School House Painting

Painting	$1,600 00		
		1,600 00	

School Fire Escape

Contract	$685 00		
		685 00	

Extra Transportation

High	$387 50		
Elementary	387 50		
		775 00	
Total Payments School Division			$45,745 57

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salaries and Wages:			
Librarians	$525 00		
Forwarded	$525 00		$133,686 10

Brough forward	$525 00		$133,686 10
Extra Clerical Work	13 50		
Janitor Service	168 50		
		$707 00	
Books and Periodicals:			
Books	$970 40		
Periodicals	133 50		
		1,103 90	
Fuel and Light:			
Fuel	$21 50		
Light	29 40		
		50 90	
Buildings and Grounds:			
Rent	$330 00		
Furniture and Furnishings	198 00		
Repairs	89 15		
Fire Insurance	44 63		
Janitor's Supplies	5 83		
		667 61	
Other Expenses:			
Stationery, Printing, etc.	$12 12		
Express	2 54		
Index Cards	6 15		
Transporting Books	3 00		
P. O. Box Rent	1 05		
		24 86	
Total Payments Library Appropriation		$2,554 27	
Forwarded		$2,554 27	$133,686 10

Brought forward		$2,554 27	$133,686 10

READING AND COMMUNITY ROOM

Furniture and Furnishings	$151 44		
Repairs	7 50		
		158 94	
Total Payments Library Division			$2,713 21

RECREATION

PARKS (CENTRAL)

Labor	$97 75		
Sharpening Lawn Mowers	2 25		
		$100 00	

PARKS (SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL)

Labor	$136 00		
Tools	22 00		
Repairing Shed for Tool House	40 55		
Transportation of Cannon	5 00		
		203 55	
Total Payments Recreation			303 55

UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	$245 00	
Town Clock	47 71	
Town Reports	399 22	
American Legion	250 00	
Forwarded	$941 93	$136,702 86

Brought forward	$941 93		$136,702 86
State Census 1925	145 68		
Boiler Insurance	103 47		
Game Warden	10 00		
Tailings Account	1 00		
		$1,202 08	
Total Payments Unclassified			1,202 08

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Repairs, Highland St. Scales	$146 10		
		$146 10	
			146 10

CEMETERIES

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	$558 00		
Labor	82 00		
Cemetery Commissioners	45 00		
Other Expenses:			
New Fence	31 20		
Teams	9 00		
Equipment and Repairs	74 16		
Trees, Shrubs, Grass Seed, etc.	1 81		
Payments Cemetery Appropriation		$801 17	
Payments, Care Endowed Lots		399 25	
Payments for Grading Lots		100 00	
Total Payments Cemetery Division			1,300 42
Forwarded			$139,351 46

Brought forward			$139,351 46

INTEREST

Temporary Loans:			
Anticipation of Revenue	$1,668 51		
Anticipation Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	176 58		
General Loans:			
Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	786 25		
East School Loan	472 50		
		$3,103 84	
Total Payments Interest			3,103 84

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans:			
Anticipation of Revenue	$80,000 00		
Anticipation of Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	8,000 00		
General Loans:			
East School Loan	1,000 00		
Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	1,000 00		
		$90,000 00	
Total Payments Municipal Indebtedness			90,000 00

AGENCY AND TRUST

Agency:			
State Tax 1925	$8,040 00		
County Tax 1925	7,852 88		
Forwarded	$15,892 88		$232,455 30

Brought forward	$15,892 88		$232,455 30
State Highway Tax 1925	1,242 94		
State Audit 1925	267 91		
		$17,403 73	
Trust:			
Investment Perpetual Care Funds	$200 00		
Investment Special Cemetery Funds	225 00		
		425 00	
Total Payments Agency and Trust			17,828 73
REFUNDS			
Taxes Refunded	$3 57		
Corporation Tax to State	12 94		
		$16 51	
			16 51
Total Payments Year 1925			$250,300 45
BALANCES			
General Cash Dec. 31, 1925	$22,673 40		
Dodge Fund Income Dec. 31, 1925	146 74		
Allen Fund Income Dec. 31, 1925	56 46		
		$22,876 60	
			22,876 60
Total			$273,177 05

TRANSFERS

Reserve Fund

TRANSFERS		APPROPRIATION	
1925		1925	
May 27		Mar. 10	
State Census 1925	$150 00	Appropriation	$3,000 00
Highland St. Scales	275 00		
Fire (Accident, Med. Aid)	110 00		
June 8			
Fire (Accident, Med. Aid)	400 00		
Aug. 8			
Union St. Cistern	447 00		
Dec. 9			
Poor	550 60		
Soldiers' Relief	175 00		
Health	175 00		
School House Insurance	63 14		
Dec. 31 Balance	654 86		
	$3,000 00		$3,000 00

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1925

ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
Cash on hand		$22,876 60	Revenue Loans		$20,000 00
Outstanding Tax Accounts:			Overlay for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1922	$13 40		Levy of 1922	$13 40	
Levy of 1923	257 28		Levy of 1923	257 28	
Levy of 1924	3,408 02		Levy of 1925	1,594 61	
Levy of 1925	24,185 95				1,865 29
		27,864 65	Special Assessment Revenue		
Special Assessment:			Outstanding Moth Assessments		263 38
Moth 1923	6 23		Departmental Revenue		
Moth 1924	19 93		Accounts Receivable unpaid		1,025 30
Moth 1925	237 22		Appropriation Balances:		
		263 38	Essex Street	$994 87	
Accounts Receivable:			Water Committee	150 00	
Com. of Mass.					1,144 87
State Aid	228 00		Surplus War Bonus Funds		965 37
Temporary Aid	66 00		Dodge Fund Income		146 74
Mothers' Aid	104 00		Allen Fund Income		56 46
City of Salem			Overlay Reserve:		
Temporary Aid	159 00		Surplus Overlay		6,146 88
City of Lynn			Tailings Account:		
Temporary Aid	120 00		Outstanding checks prior to Jan. 1, 1925		61 16
Town of Charlton			Excess and Deficiency (Surplus)		20,676 41
Tuberculosis case	235 30				
Town of Ipswich					
Scarlet fever case	113 00				
		1,025 30			
Real Estate Tax Title		321 93			
		$52,351 86			$52,351 86

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Bonded Debt	$31,500 00	East School Loan	$10,000 00
		Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	18,000 00
		Permanent Highway Loan	3,500 00
	$31,500 00		$31,500 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUND

Savings Bank Accounts	$10,896 71	Perpetual Care Funds	$8,260 18
		Special Cemetery Fund	1,136 53
		Dodge Library Fund	1,000 00
		Allen Library Fund	500 00
	$10,896 71		$10,896 71

RECAPITULATION OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES YEAR 1925

	Appropriation 1925	*Expended* 1925	*Balance Unexpended*
Moderator	$50 00	$20 00	$30 00
Finance Committee	25 00	4 56	20 44
Selectmen	1,100 00	1,095 35	4 65
Accounting	1,300 00	1,288 54	11 46
Treasury	900 00	861 49	38 51
Tax Collector	800 00	763 02	36 98
Assessors	2,000 00	1,997 15	2 85
Certifying Notes	20 00	12 00	8 00
Law	300 00	300 00	0 00
Town Clerk	650 00	646 60	3 40
Election and Registration	700 00	525 16	174 84
Town Hall	2,000 00	1,994 46	5 54
Police	2,200 00	2,193 80	6 20
Fire Department:			
General	2,370 00	2,316 56	53 44
Insurance	530 00	477 40	52 60
Repairs Peerless	600 00	596 92	3 08
New Hose	1,250 00	1,250 00	0 00
Accident:			
Appropriation $1,668 40			
From Reserve 110 00			
From Reserve 400 00			
	2,178 40	2,168 52	9 88
Sealer	300 00	294 46	5 54
Moth Department	4,700 00	4,684 68	15 32
Tree Warden	800 00	789 95	10 05
Forest Warden	85 00	81 34	3 66

Health:				
Appropriation	$1,800 00			
From Reserve	175 00			
		1,975 00	1,953 29	21 71
Inspector of Animals		75 00	58 25	16 75
Highways (General)		20,000 00	19,996 83	3 17
Highways (Surveyor's Salary)		1,200 00	1,003 74	196 26
Bridge Street		5,000 00	4,999 72	0 28
Union Street Cistern:				
Appropriation	$800 00			
From Reserve	447 00			
		1,247 00	1,247 00	0 00
Plum Street		1,500 00	1,353 17	146 83
Grant Avenue		500 00	460 58	39 42
Railroad Avenue Sidewalk		500 00	448 50	51 50
Guard Rail and Street Signs:				
Appropriation	$1,000 00			
Refund	1 70			
		1,001 70	998 12	3 58
Traffic Beacons		500 00	476 76	23 24
Rust Street Drainage		450 00	439 50	10 50
Essex Street (1/3 of cost)		5,000 00	4,005 13	994 87
Home St. (Construction Acct.)		488 26	480 50	7 76
Home Street (Land Damage)		150 00	124 52	25 48
Snow		4,000 00	3,999 10	0 90
Street Lighting		7,500 00	7,201 59	298 41
Poor:				
Appropriation	$4,000 00			
From Reserve	550 00			
		4,550 00	4,514 39	35 61
State Aid		300 00	228 00	72 00

Soldiers' Relief:			
Appropriation 300 00			
From Reserve 175 00			
	475 00	441 21	33 79
Schools (General):			
Appropriation 41,700 00			
Dog Tax 277 00			
Refunds 15 73			
	41,992 73	41,978 19	14 54
Schools (Extra Transp.)	1,000 00	775 00	225 00
School House Painting	1,600 00	1,600 00	0 00
School House Fire Escape	700 00	685 00	15 00
Industrial School Tuition	450 00	343 92	106 06
School House Insurance:			
Appropriation $300 00			
From Reserve 63 14			
Refund 32			
	363 46	363 46	0 00
Public Library	2,650 00	2,554 27	95 73
Reading and Community Room	164 20	158 94	5 26
Parks (Central)	100 00	100 00	0 00
Parks (Soldiers' Memorial)	250 00	203 55	46 45
Memorial Day	250 00	245 00	5 00
Town Reports	400 00	399 22	0 78
Town Clock	50 00	47 71	2 29
American Legion	250 00	250 00	0 00
Boiler Insurance	125 00	103 47	21 53
Game Warden	15 00	10 00	5 00
Highland Street Scales (from Reserve)	275 00	146 10	128 90

Water Committee		150 00	0 00	150 00
State Census 1925 (from Reserve)		150 00	145 68	4 32
Reserve Fund (Transfers)		3,000 00	2,345 14	654 86
Cemetery:				
Appropriation	$800 00			
From Trust Funds	1 17			
		801 17	801 17	0 00
Interest:				
Carried over 1924	$354 01			
Appropriation	3,500 00			
Refund	5 60			
		3,859 61	3,103 84	755 77
Maturing Debt:				
Appropriation	$1,697 33			
From Tuberculosis Hospital Refund	302 67			
		2,000 00	2,000 00	0 00

Balance of Appropriations Unexpended $3,570 14.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

December 31, 1925

	Endowment	Balance Jan. 1, 1925	Receipts 1925	Payments 1925	Balance, Dec. 31, 1925
Abbott, M. K.	$200 00	$249 00	$10 67	$6 00	$253 67
Allen, Albert F.	100 00	101 27	4 34	4 00	101 61
Allen, Dr. D. S.	300 00	470 05	20 18	28 00	462 23
Allen, Dr. Justin	100 00	103 47	4 42	7 00	100 89
Andrews, Horace E.	100 00	105 77	4 79	3 00	107 56
Austin, Delia	100 00	102 72	4 93	3 00	104 65
Ayers Fund	150 00	166 77	7 15	7 00	166 92
Bean, Ellen A.	100 00	110 24	4 72	4 00	110 96
Brown, Elizabeth S.	100 00	102 63	4 38	6 50	100 51
Burnham, Amos	100 00	110 47	4 72	4 00	111 19
Burnham, Choate	175 00	180 02	7 72	8 00	179 74
Butler, N. B.	100 00	102 70	4 66	4 00	103 36
Burton, F. J. and P. W.	100 00	108 01	4 91	3 50	109 42
Chadwick, Angeline	100 00	103 96	4 97	3 50	105 43
Cutler, Temple (new lot)	75 00	79 39	3 60	3 00	79 99
Cutler, Temple (old lot)	75 00	77 29	3 51	3 50	77 30
Dane, Ephraim A.	108 00	108 12	4 91	4 75	108 28
Dane, Francis	1,000 00	1,200 90	49 29	122 17	1,128 02
Dane, Joseph F.	100 00	102 05	4 64	4 00	102 69
Dane, Luther	100 00	109 10	4 68	4 00	109 78
Davenport, J. K.	100 00	100 76	6 38	4 00	103 14
Dodge, Edward W.	100 00	109 25	4 95	5 00	109 20
Dodge, H. Augusta	200 00	271 67	11 65	6 00	277 32
Dodge, James E.	100 00	111 45	5 04	3 50	112 99
Dodge, Joseph T.	100 00	107 16	4 59	4 50	107 25
Dufton, Jos. W	100 00	107 65	4 89	6 50	106 04
Ellis, Emily	100 00	102 14	4 90	3 50	103 54
Fillebrown, H. K.	50 00	51 79	2 32	2 25	51 86
Gleason, Wm. T.	100 00	112 52	4 81	12 50	104 83
Goodhue, Samuel	100 00	104 89	4 75	9 00	100 64
Graham, Charles E.	50 00	51 79	2 32	2 25	51 86
Hayes, Olivia E.	100 00	103 87	4 97	4 00	104 84
Haynes, George T.	100 00	104 26	4 47	4 50	104 23

Henry, Henry R.	75 00	78 22	3 54	3 00	78 76
Horne, Thomas	100 00	110 32	5 00	4 00	111 32
Kimball, Susan A.	150 00	152 94	6 93	5 00	154 87
Kinsman, Jacob	100 00	110 44	4 72	4 00	111 16
Knowlton, George K.	100 00	107 75	4 89	3 00	109 64
Knowlton, Isaac F.	200 00	218 93	9 93	5 00	223 86
Lovering, Jos. P.	100 00	105 95	4 79	4 00	106 74
Mason, Arthur	100 00	108 31	4 91	3 50	109 72
McNeil, Hattie	100 00	105 52	4 77	3 50	106 79
Patch, Emeline	100 00	108 67	4 93	7 00	106 60
Patch, Laura	100 00	106 65	4 84	4 50	106 99
Peterson, Charles A.	100 00	104 67	4 75	3 50	105 92
Preston, Thos. A.	100 00	100 81	4 57	4 50	100 88
Proctor, Thomas	300 00	300 00	23 90	....	323 90
Roberts, Daniel	100 00	105 58	4 51	4 00	106 09
Safford, Daniel E.	100 00	101 89	4 34	4 00	102 23
Stone, Daniel D.	100 00	100 00	5 98	4 50	101 48
Thayer, Samuel E.	100 00	104 37	4 99	4 00	105 36
Townsend, Wm. E.	100 00	104 06	4 47	3 50	105 03
Tuttle, John	100 00	105 29	4 77	6 50	103 56
Whipple, Albert M.	100 00	100 97	4 57	4 00	101 54
Whipple, Emerson A.	100 00	103 14	4 95	7 00	101 09
Whipple, Hannah M.	100 00	104 26	4 47	4 00	104 73
Whipple, L. D.	100 00	108 90	4 66	4 00	109 56
Added in 1925					
Elwell, J. E. and Gertrude	100 00	.....	100 42	....	100 42
Wilson, James	100 00	.....	100 00	....	100 00
	$ 7,508 00	$ 8,090 77	$ 569 83	$ 400 42	$ 8,260 18

Savings Bank Deposits at beginning of year	$ 8,090 77
Savings Bank Deposits at end of year	8,260 18

Receipts		Payments	
Deposits for care	$200 00	Care of lots	$400 42
Interest	369 83	Deposited in Savings Banks	200 00
Income withdrawn	30 59		
	$600 42		$600 42

INVESTMENT FUNDS

SPECIAL CEMETERY FUND

	Principal	Interest	Total
Savings Bank Deposit at Beginning of year	$840 00	$30 53	$870 53
Deposited in Savings Bank in 1925	225 00		225 00
Interest in 1925	41 00		41 00
Savings Bank Deposits at end of year	$1,065 00	$71.53	$1,136 53

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1925

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN FUND

Savings Bank Deposit at beginning of year	$500 00
Savings Bank Deposit at end of year	500 00

Allen Fund Income

INCOME			
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1925 (in gen. cash)	$32 43	Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1925 (in gen. cash)	$56 46
Interest	24 03		
	$56 46		$56 46

H. AUGUSTA DODGE FUND

Savings Bank Deposit at beginning of year	$1,000 00
Savings Bank Deposit at end of year	1,000 00

Dodge Fund Income

INCOME			
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1925 (in gen. cash)	$101 24	Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1925 (in gen. cash)	$146 74
Interest	45 50		
	$146 74		$146 74

Respectfully submitted,
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,
Town Accountant

TREASURER'S CASH

Cash on hand January 1, 1925	$22,464 19	
Receipts in 1925	250,712 86	
		$273,177 05
Payments in 1925 (per Warrants)	$250,300 45	
Cash December 31, 1925	22,876 60	
		$273,177 05
Cash on hand December 31, 1925		$22,876 60
Merchants National Bank (deposit)	$22,734 50	
Cash in office	142 10	
		22,876 60
Merchants Nat. Bank (check book)	$22,734 50	
Cash in Office	5,942 25	
		$28,676 75
Merchants Nat. Bank, balance Dec. 31, 1925		28,676 75

Yours Respectfully,

ANNIE E. WOODBURY,

Treasurer.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS
AND TAXATION

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

OF

THE ACCOUNTS

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMILTON

FOR

The Fiscal Year Ending DECEMBER 31, 1925

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of
Chapter 44, General Laws

February 2, 1926

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

February 2, 1926.

To the Board of Selectmen,

MR. JONATHAN LAMSON, *Chairman,*
Hamilton, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:—

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Hamilton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1925, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

REPORT OF CHIEF EXAMINER

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:—

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Hamilton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1925, and submit the following report thereon:—

The financial transactions of the town as recorded on the books of the several departments collecting or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined and reconciled with the books in the accountant's office.

The books and accounts in the Town Accountant's office were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the reports of the several dpartments making payments to the treasurer and with the treasurer's books; and the payments were checked with the warrants authorizing them and with the approved bills and pay rolls on file.

The ledger accounts were analyzed, the appropriation accounts were checked with the Town Clerk's records of appropriations voted by the town, the ledger postings were verified, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town December 31, 1925.

The books and accounts of the Town Treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were compared with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The disbursements were checked with the warrants authorizing the Treasurer to disburse town funds and with the Accountant's records.

The cash book was footed throughout for the period covered

by the audit, and the cash balance was verified by a reconciliation of the bank accounts with a statement furnished by the bank.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust funds were personally examined and verified.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the Treasurer's cash and the summaries of the trust fund transactions.

The books and accounts of the Tax Collector were examined. The recorded receipts were checked to the commitment books, and the payments to the Treasurer were verifid by a comparison with the Treasurer's books. The abatements were compared with the Assessor's records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the Accountant's books.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received I am satisfied that the accounts as listed are correct.

Tables showing summaries of the tax and assessment accounts are appended to this report.

The Town Clerk's records of receipts from hunting and fishing and from dog licenses issued for the State and the county, respectively, were checked, and payments to the State and the county were verified by the receipts on file.

The surety bonds of the Treasurer, the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the departments and accounts mentioned, the records of all other departments collecting money for the town were examined and verified.

For the co-operation received and the assistance rendered during the process of the audit I wish to express my appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,
Chief Examiner.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1925		$22,464 19	
Receipts		250,712 86	
			$273,177 05
Payments		$250,300 45	
Balance December 31, 1925		22,876 60	
			$273,177 05
Balance January 1, 1926		$22,876 60	
Receipts January 1 to 12, 1926		269 00	
			$23,145 60
Payments January 1 to 12, 1926		$1,155 99	
Balance January 12, 1926		21,989 61	
			$23,145 60
Balance January 12, 1926, per cash book			$21,989 61
Balance Jan. 12, 1926 Merchants National Bank, per statement	$23,646 26		
Less outstanding checks, Jan. 12, 1926	2,087 60		
		$21,558 66	
Deposited in Merchants National, Bank Jan. 12 1926		430 95	
			$21,989 61

TAXES—1920

Outstanding January 1, 1925			$24 40
Payments to Treasurer			$24 40

TAXES—1921

Outstanding January 1, 1925		$56 00	
Payment after abatement		3 00	
			$59 00
Payments to Treasurer			$59 00

TAXES—1922

Outstanding January 1, 1925	$98 85	
Payment after Abatement	1 70	
		$100.55
Payments to Treasurer	$73 55	
Abatements	13 60	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list	13 40	
		$100 55

TAXES—1923

Outstanding January 1, 1925	$4,436 49	
Payment after Abatement	2 10	
		$4,438 59
Payments to Treasurer	$4,146 86	
Abatements	34 45	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list	257 28	
		$4,438 59

TAXES—1924

Outstanding January 1, 1925	$17,587 01	
Overabated	1 05	
		$17,588 06
		$17,588 06
Payments to Treasurer	$14,031 39	
Abatements	65 70	
Tax Titles	82 95	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list	3,408 02	
		$17,588 06

TAXES—1925

Commitment per warrant	$124,228 14	
Paid and abated, refunded	3 57	
Duplicate Abatements	19 04	
		$124,250 75
Payments to Treasurer	$99,721 26	
Abatements	319 66	
Taxes 1925 credited as moth assessments	1925 23 88	
Outstanding December 31, 1925	24,185 95	
		$124,250 75
Outstanding January 1, 1926		$24,185 95
Outstanding January 12, 1926, per list	$21,492 24	
Cash on hand January 12, 1926	2,693 71	
		$24,185 95

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1923

Outstanding January 1, 1925		$74 76
Payments to Treasurer	$66 03	
Abatements	2 50	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list	6 23	
		$74 76

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1924

Outstanding January 1, 1925		$284 57
Payments to Treasurer	$264 29	
Tax Titles	35	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list	19 93	
		$284 57

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1925

Commitment per warrant	$953 06	
Taxes 1925 credited as moth assessments 1925	23 88	
		$976 94
Payments to Treasurer	$717 32	
Abatements	20 25	
Warrant in Excess of Detailed List	2 15	
Outstanding December 31, 1925	237 22	
		$976 94
Outstanding January 1, 1926		$237 22
Outstanding January 12, 1926, per list		$237 22

INTEREST ON TAXES

Collections:		
Levy of 1920,	$5 29	
Levy of 1921,	7 69	
Levy of 1922	11 63	
Levy of 1923	484 04	
Levy of 1924	576 22	
Levy of 1925	84 58	
		$1,169 45
Payments to Treasurer	$1,153 77	
Cash on hand January 12, 1926	15 68	
		$1,169 45

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

Licenses issued:				
1	Used car dealers' Class I	@ $4 00	$4 00	
9	Alcohol	@ 1 00	9 00	
2	Oleomargarine	@ 50	1 00	
2	Junk	@ 25 00	50 00	
1	Pool	@ 2 00	2 00	
				$66 00
Payments to Treasurer				$66 00

DOG LICENSES

Cash on hand January 1, 1925			$55 00	
Licenses issued:				
105	males	@ $2 00	$210 00	
37	females	@ 5 00	185 00	
2	breeders	@ 50 00	100 00	
3	breeders	@ 25 00	75 00	
			570 00	
				$625 00
Payments to County Treasurer			$508 40	
Fees retained by Town Clrek			29 60	
Cash on hand December 31, 1925			87 00	
				$625 00
Cash on hand January 1, 1926			$87 00	
Licenses issued:				
5	male	@ $2 00	$10 00	
1	female	@ 5 00	5 00	
			15 00	
				$102 00
Cash on hand January 12, 1926				$102 00

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Hunting and Fishing Licenses issued		$191 00
Payments to State	$159 75	
Fees retained by Town Clerk	31 25	
		$191 00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Commitment		$854 45
Payments to Treasurer	$506 15	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list	348 30	
		$854 45

CHARITY DEPARTMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1925	$546 59	
Commitment	2,306 40	
		$2,852 99
Payments to Treasurer	$2,403 99	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list	449 00	
		$2,852 99

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN—LIBRARY FUND

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand beginning of year	$32 43	$500 00	$532 43
On hand end of year	$56 46	$500 00	$556 46

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	$24 03	Cash on hand end of year[1]	$56 46
Cash on hand beginning of year	32 43		
Total	$56 46	Total	$56 46

[1] In general cash.

H. A. DODGE LIBRARY FUND

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand beginning of year	$101 24	$1,000 00	$1,101 24
On hand end of year	$146 74	$1,000 00	$1,146 74

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	$45 50	Cash on hand end of year[1]	$146 74
Cash on hand beginning of year	101 24	Total	$146 74
Total	$146 74		

[1] In general cash.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand beginning of year	$8,090 77	$8,090 77
On hand end of year	$8,260 18	$8,260 18

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Withdrawn from savings bank	$30 59	Deposited in savings bank	$200 00
Income	369 83	Expended for care of lots	400 42
Bequests	200 00		
Total	$600 42	Total	$600 42

CEMETERY SPECIAL FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand beginning of year	$870 53	$870 53
On hand end of year	$1,136 53	$1,136 53

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	$41 00	Deposited in savings bank	$266 00
Sale of Lots	225 00		
Total	$266 00	Total	$266 00

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1925

General Accounts

Assets

Cash:		
In bank		$22,876 60
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1922	$13 40	
Levy of 1923	257 28	
Levy of 1924	3,408 02	
Levy of 1925	24,185 95	
		27,864 65
Tax Titles		321 93
Special Assessments:		
Moth 1923	$6 23	
Moth 1924	19 93	
Moth 1925	237 22	
		263 38
Departmental:		
Board of Health	$348 30	
Charity Department	449 00	
State Aid	228 00	
		1,025 30
		$52,351 86

Liabilities

Temporary Loans:		
In anticipation of revenue		$20,000 00
Tailings Account		61 16
Dodge Library Fund Income		146 74
Allen Library Fund Income		56 46
Surplus War Bonus Fund		965 37
Unexpended Balances:		
Essex Street Construction Account	$994 87	
Water Committee	150 00	
		1,144 87
Overlays (reserved for abatements):		
Levy of 1922	$13 40	
Levy of 1923	257 28	
Levy of 1925	1,594 61	
		1,865 29
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)		6,146 88
Special Assessment Revenue		263 38
Departmental Revenue		1,025 30
Tax Title Revenue		321 93
Surplus Revenue		20,354 48
		$52,351 86

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt		$31,500 00
		$31,500 00
East Schoolhouse Loan		$10,000 00
Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital Loan		18,000 00
Permanent Highway Loan		3,500 00
		$31,500 00

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Cash and Securities:		
Trust Funds		$9,760 18
Investment Fund		1,136 53
		$10,896 71
Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund	$500 00	
H. A. Dodge Library Fund	1,000 00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	8,260 18	
		$9,760 18
Cemetery Special Fund		1,136 53
		$10,896 71

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS RECORDED

1925

Jan.	9	John, son of Edward and Mary A. (Maloney) Wallace
Jan.	19	Robert Winford, son of Karl T. and Eleanor (Bray) Smith
Feb.	11	Robert Bell, son of Bryce E. and Eleanor B. (Eastman) Glover
Feb.	19	Dudley Pemberton, son of John William and Ida (Bedford) Ellenwood
Mar.	1	Albina Antoinett, daughter of Thelesphare and Bertha E. (Rene) Jodoin
Apr.	12	John, son of John H. and Mary (Boyle) Perkins
Apr.	28	Warren Longley, son of William G. and Beatrice (Smith) Mitchell
May	9	Phyllis Evelyn, daughter of Charles Roland and Helen E. (Remon) Appleton
June	15	Stanley Elmer, Jr., son of Stanley E. and Gertrude M. (Hitchings) Allen
June	30	William Edward, son of John Francis and Marion (Flynn) Burns
Aug.	11	Roy Wendall, son of Amos and Helen (Dodge) Fuller
Sept.	5	Dorothy Joy, daughter of Ernest and Annie (Callaghan) Faulkner
Sept.	26	Robert Arthur, son of Charles and Blanche (Ferguson) McRae

Sept. 30	Betty Lee, daughter of Leroy C. and Sadie (Southwick) Thayer
Oct. 10	Roger Dean, son of Walter and Ruby (Leadbetter) Fowler
Oct. 15	Jean, daughter of Alexander Lynde and Vivian (Wessell) Cochrane
Oct. 20	Emeline Adams, daughter of George H. and Ethel A. (Adams) Sprague
Nov. 6	Lloyd Eugene, Jr., son of Lloyd E. and Marion (Larkin) Ricker
Nov. 8	Richard, son of Edward and Mamie (Mercer) Carter
Nov. 11	John Roderick, son of Roderick J. and Mary (Duran) Chisholm
Nov. 16	John Haraden, son of Arthur W. and Clara (Haraden) Day
Nov. 29	Thomas Lowell, son of Charles A. and Lillian M. (Philbrick) McGlauflin

MARRIAGES RECORDED

Stanley E. Allen of Hamilton
Gertrude M. Hitchings of Hamilton

Francis E. Blackmore of Hamilton
May W. Hatt of Hamilton

Charles L. Henley of Ipswich
Elsie May Longmaid of Ipswich

Edward A. DeWitt of Hamilton
Ione Ann Costello of Hamilton

Percival W. Burton of Hamilton
Frances P. Trussell of Hamilton

Richard M. Griffith of So. Pasadena, Calif.
Eleanor Seavey of Hamilton

John Edward Cox, Jr. of Hamilton
Mary E. Perry of Summerside, P. E. I.

Ellsworth Stetson Adams of Hamilton
Mary Florence Peatfield of Hamilton

Herbert George Raynor of Boston
Helen Graham of Brookline

Arthur R. Melvin of Hamilton
Blanche F. Callahan of Essex

Lawrence G. Bush of Hamilton
Elizabeth C. Horan of Hamilton

William G. Humphrey of Hamilton
Lavinia F. Ingalls of Peabody

Johan A. Johnson of Boston
Johanna Nystrom of Hamilton

Arthur Mears of Essex
Jennie Alice Hatt of Hamilton

Alonzo George Walker of Danvers
Sadie Louise Letarte of Hamilton

Ralph E. Lyon of Lynn
Marion F. Connor of Lynn

Joseph Edmund Batchelder of Wenham
Marion Adelaide Smith of Hamilton

Rene E. Girard of Salem
Evelyn M. Back of Hamilton

Charles Edward LaFleur of Grafton
Catherine Cunningham of Grafton

Michael J. Darcey of Hamilton
Sarah T. Keady of Hamilton

DEATHS RECORDED

1925		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 1	Joseph F. O'Brien	39	0	0
Feb. 1	Samuel Sindowsky	0	10	0
Feb. 6	Mary Maria Pierce	68	3	29
Mar. 24	Rebecca W. Walker	89	0	2
Apr. 17	Etta W. Roberts	72	11	7
Apr. 29	Ebenezer Hurlburt	80	4	4
May 10	Nathan Clark	69	8	4
June 17	Hattie E. Dunbar	70	11	16
June 17	Ida May Merchant	65	7	25
June 28	Agnes Trainor	27	9	4
July 12	Charles R. Faulkner	12	8	23
July 15	Mary V. Dalziel	65	1	15
July 23	George Burroughs	57	1	25

Sept. 17	Albert Edward Purchase	72	2	18
Sept. 19	Robert Arthur Marquis	1	0	0
Sept. 22	Robert Bell Glover	0	7	12
Oct. 25	William McGinley	60	0	0
Oct. 31	Ella W. Litchfield	71	1	19
Nov. 17	Penelope Flaherty	78	0	0
Dec. 13	Herbert B. Sadleir	73	5	21
Dec. 30	Alice J. Chandler	61	7	22

BROUGHT INTO TOWN

Died 1925		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Mar. 12	Celia Soper	79	5	25
Mar. 22	Luella Smith	66	9	28
Mar. 14	Albert F. Dunnells	49	11	1
Mar. 30	Lucy J. Colesworthy	73	2	13
May 4	John B. Elwell	73	8	26
May 4	Flora I. Trask	60	0	0
July 18	Nancy Moad	3	4	17
Aug. 27	Nora P. Gwinn	58	11	27
Sept. 29	Evelyn Appleton	24	0	0
Sept. 30	Clara L. Boynton	75	6	29
Nov. 14	Norman J. Conrad	55	0	0
1926				
Jan. 5	Ephraim A. Dane	79	10	0
Jan. 7	Wilhemia W. Dodge	74	1	3
Jan. 10	Emma F. Wallace	78	2	24
Jan. 14	William H. Caverly	69	11	6
Jan. 15	Nathaniel Conrad	81	2	19

REGISTRATION

The Registrars of Voters met for the registration of voters as follows:

Once at the Engine House, So. Hamilton, and once at the Town Hall.

At these meetings the registration was as follows:

By men 26
By women 8

Total 32

The number of voters at the close of registration was as follows:

Men 491
Women 400

Total 891

DOG LICENSES

Male	104	@	$2.00	$208 00
Female	41	@	5.00	205 00
Breeder's	2	@	50.00	100 00
Breeder's	1	@	25.00	25 00
			Total receipts	$538 00
			Less fees	29 60
			Paid Essex County	$508 40

HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

Combination	45	@	$2.00	$90 00
Hunting	53	@	1.50	79 50
Fishing (resident)	15	@	1.00	15 00
Fishing (non-resident)	2	@	2.00	4 00
Minors Trapping	10	@	.25	2 50
Total receipts				$191 00
Less fees				31 25
Paid Commonwealth of Mass.				$159 75

OTHER LICENSES

Junk licenses	$50 00
Auto (second-hand dealer)	16 00
Denatured Alcohol	9 00
Pool and Bowling	2 00
Oleomargarine	1 00
Paid Town Treasurer	$78 00

TOWN MEETINGS

Town Meetings in 1925 were as follows:

Special February 4, 1925
Annual March 10, 1925
Special July 1, 1925

Appropriations at above meetings as follows:

At Annual Town Meeting:	
From Revenue	$125,216 91
At Special Town Meeting:	
From Revenue	5,000 00
From Surplus	5,000 00

Respectfully submitted.

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

January 1, 1926.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: The following is the eleventh annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Apparatus and equipment can now be classed as being in good condition. We have on hand over 2000 feet of 2½-inch hose, with other equipment sufficient for the present needs of the department. During the past year all coupling threads have been cut to National Standard, under supervision of a representative of the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention.

There has been constructed one cistern, located at the corner of Union and Hamilton Streets, which gives protection to property within a radius of 2000 feet. We recommend the construction of at least two cisterns each year.

The department has responded to 15 still and 18 bell alarms during the year, appended report of which follows.

ALARMS, 1925

Date	Dist.	In	Out		Owner	Street	Description
Jan. 14	S				G. Adams (Stevenson)	Mill	Chimney
Mar. 5	S	3.45-	4.25	P. M.	F. Greenburg	Highland	Ford Truck
Mar. 23	21	4.45-	4.55	P. M.	H. Feener	Asbury	Grass
Mar. 24	S	11.20-	11.45	A. M.	R. L. Whitman	Miles River rd.	Grass
Mar. 27	S	10.00-	10.18	A. M.	George Smith	Hamilton	Grass
	27	10.17-	10.35	A. M.	F. P. Trussell	Main	Grass
Apr. 6	25	4.10-	4.30	P. M.	Mathews	Farms rd.	Grass
Apr. 7	23	6.03-	6.45	P. M.	Myopia-Vaughn	Essex branch Main	Grass
	24	10.58-	11.15	P. M.	Nelson Pierce	Main	Grass
Apr. 9	34	9.25-	10.10	A. M.	Winthrop	Highland	Grass
Apr. 18	21	12.43-	1.05	P. M.	A. C. Burrage (Baldwin)	Main	Locomotive
May 3	S	12.50-	1.15	P. M.	Asbury Grove Assn.	Asbury Gr	Dump—Morris ave.
May 10	S	2.25-	2.50	P. M.	Dr. Davis	Walnut	Grass
May 17	S	11.55-		P. M.		Essex	Automobile
May 21	13	1.47-	2.30	P. M.	Varnum	Prospect	Pig pen

Date	Dist.	In	Out	Owner	Street	Description
June 1	21	4.05-	4.20 P. M.	T. A. Moynihan	Off Union	Tel. employees burning insulation
June 18	S	5.55-	6.40 P. M.	Geo. Vaughn	Main & Gardner	Chimney
June 20	S	6.50-	8.15 P. M.	T. A. Moynihan	Off Union	Dump
June 23	S	9.30-	11.30 P. M.	T. A. Moynihan	Off Union	Dump
July 1	31	12.55-	1.05 P. M.	A. W. Day	Asbury	Oil stove
July 17	21	4.20-	4.35 P. M.	T. A. Moynihan	Mill	Sled
July 22	21	4.35-	4.50 P. M.	L. L. Knowlton	Union, Linden	Oil stove
	41	5.50-	6.06 P. M.	Grace Gould (Tivinan)	Idlewood	Roof from tile chimney
Aug. 27	31	10.30-	11.15 P. M. (Dorchester)	Lena Levine	Highland	Automobile
	S			T. A. Moynihan	Off Union	Dump
Oct. 4	S	5.10-	5.25 P. M.	W. H. Seavey	Miles River rd.	Chimney
Oct. 11	S	10.10-	11.00 A. M.	Manuel	Bridge	Chimney
Oct. 25	32	8.29-	9.00 A. M.	Rodney Adams	Highland	Chimney
Nov. 5	S	12.25-	12.05 P. M.	Hamilton Pk. Assn.	Ham. pk.	Grass and rubbish
Nov. 19	S	2.39-	3.00 P. M.	Cyrus Nutter	Main	Grass
Nov. 21	31	9.47-	11.35 P. M.	Geo. Grant	Arthur ave.	Hen house

Date	Dist.	In	Out	Owner	Street	Description
Dec. 13	21	12.45-	1.05 P. M.	A. C. Burrage, Jr. (T. Baldwin)	Main	Grass
Dec. 14	24	7.00-	7.48 P. M.	Walter Emeny	Gardner	Grass and chicken coops

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER H. KNOWLES,
HARRY R. McGREGOR,
LESTER M. WHIPPLE,
FRANK DANE,
RODNEY H. ADAMS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION

February 1, 1926.

Your committee to consider the question of water for fire protection met and organized July 15, 1925; the committee held five meetings during the year. After discussion and preliminary investigation, the services of Weston and Sampson, Consulting Engineers, of Boston, Mass., were obtained to submit a plan of water protection for South Hamilton. This report was received by your committee, and after thorough discussion, the following conclusions were arrived at: that it would not be wise for the town to adopt the plan, on account of the excessive cost of installation, maintenance and operation.

The committee discussed a proposal for the installation of a series of cisterns, of 15,000-gallon capacity, for the storage of water for fire protection, to be distributed at different points in the town; location of said cisterns to be set by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, jointly. On regular motion being made, it was voted: that the committee recommend the construction of such cisterns, at the rate of not more than two per year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER H. KNOWLES,
CHARLES F. AYER,
JONATHAN LAMSON.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

Value of buildings	$2,987,675 00	
Value of land	1,487,720 00	
Value of real estate		$4,475,395 00
Value of personal estate		691,553 00
Total valuation		$5,166,948 00
Tax on real estate	$106,514 37	
Tax on personal estate	16,457 77	
Tax on polls	1,256 00	
Total tax levy		$124,228 14
Moth assessment		953 06
Total commitment		$125,181 20
Rate per thousand	$23 80	
Number of horses	182	
" " cows	130	
" " neat cattle	9	
" " swine	4	
" " fowl	2,460	
" " dwellings	906	
" " acres of land	8,835	
" " residents on property	792	
" " residents all other	69	
" " non-residents on property	427	
" " non-residents all other	68	
" " polls only	41	
Total number assessed	1,397	

EXPENDITURES

Town appropriation, 1925	$130,216 91	
State tax	8,040 00	
State Highway tax	1,242 94	
State Audit tax	267 91	
County tax	7,852 88	
Tuberculosis Hospital maintenance	1,138 34	
Overlay deficit	53 10	
Overlay	1,895 23	
Total expenditures		$150,707 31

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	19,098 04	
Corporation Tax	3,523 81	
Bank	196 32	
Licenses	55 00	
Fines	125 00	
Special Assessment	1,000 00	
General Government	50 00	
Protection of Life and Property	125 00	
Health and Sanitation	300 00	
Charities	1,000 00	
Soldiers' Benefits	156 00	
Libraries	25 00	
Interest on Deposits	300 00	
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	500 00	
All other	25 00	
Total Estimated Receipts		$26,479 17

SUMMARY

Total Amount to be raised		$150,707 31
Total Estimated Receipts	$26,479 17	
628 Polls @ $2.00	1,256 00	
		37,735 17
Assessed Valuation $5,166,948.00 @ $23.80		$122,972 14
628 Polls @ $2.00		1,256 00
Total Taxes		$124,228 14
Moth Assessment		953 06
Total Commitment		$125,181 20

Abatements on Real and Personal Property:

Levy of 1925	$315 62
Levy of 1924	35 60
Levy of 1923	15 55

PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Agreeable to Clause 11, Section 5, Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

Church property	$37,500 00

Clause 3, Section 5, Chapter 59:

	Personal	Real	Total
Hamilton Housing Incorporated	$2,100 00	$59,500 00	$61,600 00
Town Property:			
Schools	$6,700 00	$111,000 00	$117,700 00
Town Hall	5,000 00	65,000 00	70,000 00
Fire Department	8,000 00	7,000 00	15,000 00

	Personal	Total
Highway	$3,600 00	$3,600 00
Libraries	2,500 00	2,500 00
Moth Department	1,475 00	1,475 00
Weights and Measures	1,000 00	1,000 00

Clause 12, Section 5, Chapter 59:

	Real	Total
Cemetery	$6,000 00	6,000 00

Clause 15, Section 5, Chapter 59:

Property held for care of cemetery:	
Perpetual Care Fund	$8,090 77
Special Cemetery	870 53

VALUATION AND RATE FOR TEN YEARS

	Personal	Real	Rate
1915	$3,239,195 00	$2,817,345 00	$11 40
1916	4,171,216 00	2,929,600 00	10 00
1917	595,470 00	3,079,865 00	9 50
1918	623,481 00	3,268,655 00	10 00
1919	634,527 00	3,386,940 00	10 50
1920	653,709 00	3,597,080 00	16 00
1921	696,894 00	3,674,160 00	20 00
1922	685,955 00	3,782,161 00	17 00
1923	720,499 00	4,064,085 00	21 00
1924	679,895 00	4,368,175 00	21 00
1925	691,553 00	4,475,395 00	23 80

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR TEN YEARS

	Receipts	Expenditures
1915	$14,835 50	$83,134 08
1916	15,193 00	84,869 78
1917	51,975 62	84,610 31
1918	54,286 13	92,753 79
1919	50,483 30	92,060 60
1920	46,206 40	114,487 03
1921	44,874 51	131,319 63
1922	38,089 83	114,047 81
1923	40,728 30	142,342 83
1924	35,768 22	142,983 58
1925	26,472 17	150,707 31

In 1916 and previously, intangible personal property was assessed locally, at which date we had a personal valuation of $4,171,260.00 and a rate of $10.00. In 1925 our personal valuation was only $691,553.00 and a rate of $23.80. In 1917 in the distribution of the income tax, we were allowed $41,024.12, and in 1925 we were allowed only $19,098.04, our increase in expenditures from $83,134.08 in 1915 to $150,707.31 in 1925.

We wish to call attention of increase in expenditures and the decrease in receipts which has caused the constant increase in the tax rate.

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
GEORGE E. SAFFORD,
JESSE S. MANN,

Assessors.

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

Hamilton, Mass., Feb. 8, 1926.

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

This year, in accordance with the vote at the last Town Meeting, the Park Commission has maintained the Soldiers' Green in addition to Central Park. The third cannon, a German gun, has been placed on the Green. We wish to express our appreciation of the services of Colonel Peabody in having this cannon put in place, without expense to the Town, as completion of the plans of the Memorial Committee.

We believe that a curbstone should be placed around Soldiers' Green, or at least on the sides bordering on Farms Road, as a protection against vehicles which do not keep in the road, but run on to the Green and cut into the grass. This matter has been discussed with the Finance Committee with the view of having it incorporated in a progressive plan of street and sidewalk improvement.

Owing to the cut in the amount asked for by us last year we have been unable to do more than mow Central Park and keep the underbrush trimmed on the slope facing the Pond. We still believe that a relatively small additional expenditure could improve the appearance of the Park considerably.

On account of the weather last summer, it was not necessary to mow the grass on the Park and the Green as often as usual; consequently, our appropriation was sufficient to allow us to keep these lots in good condition, to buy a number of tools, provide a

place in the rear of the Town Hall to keep them in, and also return $46.45 to the Town Treasury.

For the coming year we are asking for the same amount as was allotted to us last year for Central Park and Soldiers' Green, and an additional $350.00.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCIVAL D. WHIPPLE, *Chairman,*
EDWARD A. UNDERHILL,
EDWARD A. DeWITT.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Essex, ss. *To either of the Constables of the Town of Hamilton*, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, nineteen hundred twenty-six (March 9, 1926), at fifteen minutes before six in the forenoon (5.45 o'clock A. M.), then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your ballots for:

Moderator, for one year.
Town Clerk, for one year.
Three Selectmen, for one year.
Overseers of Poor, and Board of Health, three for one year.
One Assessor, for three years.
Treasurer, for one year.
Tax Collector, for one year.
Tree Warden, for one year.
Three Constables, for one year.
One Library Trustee, for three years.
One Cemetery Commissioner, for three years.
One Park Commissioner, for three years.
One Park Commissioner, for two years.
One Member of the School Committee, for three years.
One Surveyor of Highways, for one year.

All on one ballot.

The polls will open at fifteen minutes before six in the morning (5.45 A. M.) and will close at one o'clock in the afternoon

(1 o'clock P. M.). After the close of the polls the remaining articles of the warrant shall be acted upon.

Article 2. To choose and appoint all other town officers in such manner as the town shall determine.

Article 3. To hear the report of the town officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and other committees, and take any action thereon.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways, and all town expenses, and determine the manner of expending the same.

Article 5. To see what action the town will take towards building two cisterns for fire purposes, one to be located in the vicinity of Maple Street, South Hamilton; and one at East Hamilton. The locations to be set by the Board of Selectmen and Engineers of the Fire Department jointly. Construction of said cisterns to be contracted for and supervised by the Board of Selectmen; and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand ($3000.00) dollars for same, as petitioned for by Committee on Water for Fire Protection.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand ($2000.00) Dollars to establish the street lines, grade and gravel Hamilton Avenue from Union Street northerly to end of present accepted way, as petitioned for by Henry M. Ricker and others.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to construct a sidewalk on the easterly side of Rust Street from Willow Street to Union Street, and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars to cover the cost of same, as petitioned for by Douglas H. Knowlton and others.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept Western Avenue so called as laid out by the Selectmen and as per plan on file in Town Clerk's office and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00) to construct same as petitioned for by William H. Evans and others.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept the extension of Maple Street as laid out by the Selectmen and as per plan on file in Town Clerk's office and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) to construct same as petitioned for by H. L. Back and others.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to continue the building of permanent highway on Essex Street.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred ($800.00) for installing water supply equipment in the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred ($800.00) for painting the outside of the Town Hall, outbuildings and flag pole.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the piece of land in rear of Town Hall extending to land now or formerly of Foster Estate and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for same.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Central Park, so called, on Main Street to Manasseh Cutler Park and erect a sign or marker bearing the name, "Manasseh Cutler Park," also to make a planting of low shrubs or trees at the front and a low hedge on the northerly side of the park lot for the purpose of beautifying and defining the boundaries of said park, and appropriate a sum of Five Hundred Dollars

($500.00) for the purposes described, or take any action thereon agreeable to the petition of William J. Daley and others.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to install one additional street light on Hamilton Avenue.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to install two street lights on Prospect Street.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to make certain alterations at the Engine House, South Hamilton, by extending the doorways forward about five feet, and of one-story elevation; and appropriate the sum of nine hundred Dollars ($900.00) for the same, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by A. Merrill Cummings and others.

Article 18. To see if the Town will accept a piece of land on Chebacco Lake by F. H. Prince.

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, 1927, in anticipation of the revenue of said municipal year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from revenue of said municipal year.

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, of the General Laws.

Article 21. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested

copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at each of the three postoffices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 8th day of February, A. D. 1926.

JONATHAN LAMSON,
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,
EDWARD A. DEWITT,
Selectmen of Hamilton.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Selectmen of the Town of Hamilton:

Dear Sirs: The following is the report of the Cemetery Commission for the year 1925.

During the year we have built 700 feet 4-foot wire fence, driven a well, cleaned up the lower end of the grounds of brush, reset some of the monument stones, filled sunken graves, repaired stone wall and generally did the ordinary work of the Cemetery.

The front of the Cemetery having been finished and turned over by Mrs. Alice A. Meyer to the Town, it is up to the commission to care for the same.

There are still many monuments to reset and graves to fill, some wall to build, and there are quite a number of supplies to purchase this year.

We have had many compliments on the general appearance of the grounds.

The Perpetual Care Funds amount to $8,260.18 and the Special Cemetery Fund amounts to $1,136.53.

We recommend an appropriation of $1,000.00.

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
FRANCIS C. NORTON,
ADALIZA C. ROBERTS,
Cemetery Commissioners.

LIST OF JURORS 1926

William E. Townsend, Willow Street, automobile agent.
Frank Dane, Union Street, foreman.
Charles A. Smerage, Rust Street, R. R. conductor.
John E. Cox, Main Street, foreman.
William A. Brumby, Main Street, chauffeur.
Fred A. Saunders, Railroad Avenue, clerk.
Oscar A. Wood, Bridge Street, carpenter.
Daniel P. McGinley, Park Street, machinist.
Otho L. Charles, Plum Street, chauffeur.
Finlay D. MacDonald, Union Street, carpenter.
Frank L. Bailey, Highland Street, electrician.
George F. Cross, Walnut Street, carpenter.
Robert H. Chittick, Jr., Asbury Street, machinist.
Harold A. Daley, Main Street, grocer.
Samuel G. Goodhue, Asbury Street, real estate.
Edward A. DeWitt, Rust Street, carpenter.
Foster E. Tappan, Goodhue Street, farmer.
Walter E. Cheever, Knowlton Street, farmer.
Earl E. Johnson, Main Street, news agent.
George M. Adams, Highland Street, farmer.
Edward A. Underhill, Main Street, forester.

Hamilton, Mass., February 8, 1926.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hamilton, Mass., February, 1926.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: I wish to submit my annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Whole number of arrests during the year, eighteen, divided as follows:

Male	18
Adults	17
Minors	1
Native born	18
Foreign born	0
Residents	7
Non-residents	11

OFFENSES

Larceny	4
Breaking and entering in night time and larceny	3
Keeping liquor with intent to sell	1
Keeping liquor and liquor nuisance	1
Driving after license was suspended	1
Driving without a license	1
Driving without a license or registration	1
Drunkenness and disturbing peace	2
Driving to the left of the center of the road	1
Drunkenness	1
Non-support	1
Driving so as to endanger lives and going away after injury to person	1

Disposition

Fined and paid	5
Three months in House of Correction (suspended)	1
Jury disagreement (Miller case)	1
Appeals	9
Drunkenness cases	1
Released	1

Superior Court

Cases on docket, Jan. 1, 1926 5

Automobile licenses and registrations revoked or suspended during the year 1925 in Hamilton by Frank A. Goodwin, Registrar of Motor Vehicles:

Licenses revoked	4
Licenses suspended	3
Registrations revoked	2
Registrations suspended	2

Number of motor vehicle accidents in Hamilton where persons were injured, during the year of 1925 and reported to the police 15

Number of property damage only, motor vehicle accidents in Hamilton during the year 1925, reported to police 29

Arrests Made by Officers

Arthur Southwick	7
William Murray, Arthur Southwick and Frank Dever	5
Frank Dever	3
Alvin L. Perley	2
Fred F. Stillings	1

Officers' Attendance at Court

Arthur Southwick	28
Frank Dever	12
Alvin L. Perley	9
Fred F. Stillings	4
Oscar A. Wood	2

Complaints Investigated

Arthur Southwick	90
Oscar A. Wood	12
Fred F. Stillings	4
Alvin L. Perley	37
Charles H. Smith	2
Frank Dever	60

Hours of Duty Performed by Officers

Southwick	1,203
Perley	561
Dever	505
Stilling	335
Wood	129
Dodge, W. F.	86
Haraden	64
Smith	26
Duran	17
Dodge, L.	0
Special officers	41

Miscellaneous

Automobiles reported stolen	17
Automobiles found and recovered	8

Bicycles reported stolen	2
Bicycles found and recovered	1
Other property reported lost or stolen, value about	$6,150.00
Other property found and recovered, value about	550.00
Complaints received	244
Complaints investigated	205
Fires extinguished	15
Buildings found open	5
Disturbances	19
Dogs reported lost	28
Dogs found and returned to owners	5
Dogs killed	7
Children reported lost and found	9
Itinerant persons ordered to leave town	7
Lights reported out	176
Summons served for out of town officers	12
Dangerous wires reported or removed	11
Obstructions removed	10
Accidents reported	55
Accidents resulting in death (drowning)	1
Persons received assistance	7
Police assistance to out of town officers	14
Police assistance by out of town officers	12
Court attendance for 1925	55
Report to Prison Commissioner	1
Report to Highway Commissioner	6
Letters, postal cards and circulars received (about)	296
Letters, postal cards and notices sent out (about)	160
Persons held on suspicion	7

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report for the year 1925.

The past year has been the most successful year in the history of the library. All previous records for circulation have been surpassed, the grand total being approximately 17,500, an average of almost ten books to every man, woman and child in town. The larger proportion of books have been issued from the branch at South Hamilton, nearly 15,000, with some 3,000 at the Main Library.

During the year the State List and the Youngstown List for school reading, as asked for by the Superintendent of Schools to aid the scholars in their general work, have been completely installed in the library, affording all ambitious children the opportunity to earn the certificate and gold star offered by the state to those who fulfil the requirements of the reading course.

The public reading and community room at the Town Hall opened up last year has continued to grow in popularity and has been in more or less constant use the past year, not only by the nearby residents of the Centre but by numerous parties from South and East Hamilton, for dancing, card parties and various meetings.

Further statistics as to circulation and books will be found in the report of the librarian.

We recommend an appropriation of $2,450.00 for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. WALSH, *Chairman*,
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER,
EDWARD A. UNDERHILL.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

Gentlemen: The Sixth Annual Report as Librarian is herewith submitted.

The Library has worked during the past year in co-operation with the schools in placing before the pupils the best literature. The books on the State list were added to our children's section. All the books on the Youngstown list were also added. For reading 10 books on this list, a certificate is presented to the pupil. A gold star is also added for each additional 5 books read. A certificate is also given for reading books on the State list. Thus far no certificate has been presented for the State list.

During the past year 5 certificates were presented for books read on the Youngstown list and one gold star. All books on this list were sent to the branch library, as most of the children live in that section of the town.

The circulation for the past year was the largest in the history of the library, the total being 17,409: at the Main Library 2963, at the Branch Library 14,446.

The number of borrowers at the Library is now over 1300, a gain of 475 over last year.

A total of 602 books was added to the Library the past year, 565 were purchased, 37 were gifts; 538 books were sent to the Branch Library and 80 books were returned to the Main Library.

The largest amount of fine money ever collected was turned over to the Town Treasurer—$48.01 for the year 1925.

The number of magazines loaned was 862, as follows: Main

Library, 485; Branch Library, 377. The interest in magazines is still very great, several new ones being added to our list.

We wish to thank those who presented us with gifts of books and magazines. Through the kindness of friends our files of the Georgraphic Magazine are complete from the year 1910 to 1926.

The Branch Library is open Tuesday and Friday, 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P. M. The Main Library is open Wednesday and Saturday, 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA L. HARADEN,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

At the last Annual Town Meeting the Town voted a sum not exceeding $15,000 for constructing permanent highway provided that the State and County each contributed a like amount. After many conferences with the Massachusetts Highway Commission and County Commissioners we were able to obtain assistance from each to the extent of $5,000. This aid could be rendered us only for the construction of a street which was a through route. Essex Street being acceptable to all parties, the work was done on this street; 3,300 feet of macadam way was built at a cost of $12,005.37, two thirds of the expense ($8,010.24) was borne by State and County, leaving the net cost to the Town for 3,300 feet of the best macadam $4,005.13. All that was used of the $15,000 authorized by vote of the Town was $5,000; $1,500 was raised in tax levy of 1925 and $3,500 on a note due this year, and of this $5,000 we had an unexpended balance of $994.87. As the balance of the appropriation for permanent highway, namely $10,000, could not be carried over to this year, we are hoping that the Town will vote to make this amount available to continue the work this year.

Through the generosity of Mr. F. H. Prince and after petitioning the County Commissioners and holding several hearings, a new road has been built from the head of Beck's Pond for a distance of about 2,000 feet, which is a great improvement as when finished we will have a first-class road with many dangerous curves eliminated. This road was built under the supervision of the County Engineer and at no expense to the Town. In connection with this work a piece of land on Chebacca Lake con-

taining about 1⅞ acres has been deeded to the Town and a way will be built to the lake by Mr. Prince.

The several appropriations which by vote of the Town were to be under the direction of the Selectmen have been carried out to our best judgment.

The change in the manner of handling our highway has imposed an additional expense on the Selectmen's appropriation. The laying out of proposed new streets, when properly petitioned for, is by law the duty of the Selectmen and as these proposed streets are not town highways until accepted by the Town and may not be accepted, we feel that the expense incurred, such as engineer's fees, etc., should be a charge against the Selectmen's appropriation. We have already received engineer's bills for plans on two proposed streets amounting to about $100 and have in our hands a petition to lay out another street. The cost of petitioning the County Commissioners for street lines or relocations of streets, such as advertising, Sheriff's fees, should also be paid from the Selectmen's account. This year there are three town boundary lines to run out. For the above reasons we are asking for an increase of $300 in the Selectmen's appropriation.

We wish to express our appreciation for the co-operation received from the various town boards and departments.

Yours respectfully,

JONATHAN LAMSON,
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,
EDWARD A. DEWITT,
Board of Selectmen.

TOWN OF HAMILTON

REPORT

OF THE

Finance and Advisory Committee

ON THE

Appropriations and Articles

FOR THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 9, 1926

SALEM, MASS.:
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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1926

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

Your committee has the following report to make on the financial matters under its jurisdiction.

A careful study has been made of the needs and expenses of the various departments with a view to keeping expenses down and reducing taxes. Each department quite naturally wishes to be the best in the town and believes that its needs are more important than any other, and that its appropriation cannot be reduced. We consider it our duty—unpopular as it may be—to recommended only with regard to actual needs and to call to your attention where economies may be made without impairing efficiency. Every $1,000.00 spent by the town means 20 cents on your taxes, and our aim is to reduce taxes if that is possible, and to this end we ask your cooperation. This may mean that some departments will have to try to get on with less money.

Note: (In this connection credit and praise is due the school board for conducting their department efficiently on the $45,000.00 voted them on our recommendation, which was $4,000.00 less than the $49,000.00 they asked for in 1925 and meant a saving of nearly one dollar on the tax rate. We believe that they can and will show even further economies without reducing their high standards.)

It may mean that improvements to town property (be it streets, sidewalks, buildings, etc.) will have to be postponed from the immediate present to some other time when they will be taken

care of in the order of their importance and with due regard to all the other needs of the town.

We ask your study of these matters and your public-spirited co-operation to assist the various department heads in making our town a nicer, finer town and with a lower tax rate. That spells contentment, high taxes mean discontent.

There are many ways in which we can help to accomplish this.

We believe that for the best interests of the town the tax rate must go no higher and every effort should be made to reduce it. Governmental expenses have increased too fast. President Coolidge saw that it was affecting general prosperity and has not only advocated economy but has succeeded in reducing national expenses by the billion. We should do our share towards our own prosperity.

In 1916, ten years ago, our tax rate was $10.00; our expenditures $84,860.00.

In 1925, our tax rate was $23.80, and our expenses $150,700.00.

If we are to prevent further increases in expenses and taxes, we must pursue a policy of conservatism, which means not the reduction of standards, but the regulation and reduction of the scale and scope of work of the various departments.

Good roads, schools, buildings, fire departments, police departments, parks, etc., are not only desirable but necessary, but they must be good enough to meet the needs of the community—if they are below standard they are a menace: likewise if they are above local needs they are an equal menace, for they become an extravagance and a burden rather than an asset.

That is the danger every family, or business, or town, or government faces—namely, over-expansion, seeking to do a little more than it can afford or actually needs to do, and the prosperous family, or business, or town, or government is the one which comfortably and judiciously lives within its actual requirements and not beyond its actual needs.

For this reason and on this basis we have made our recommendation—cuts in places, increases in others, basing our decision on needs, realizing that readjustments cannot be accomplished in one year, and that further readjustments should follow as conditions allow.

A hundred dollars here and a hundred more there when you are voting seems a matter scarcely worth considering, but when you realize there are some fifty items to be voted on, it soon adds up to considerable amounts and may mean a matter of a dollar or more on or off the taxes.

On all the small cuts or increases we have facts or figures to show their justification and will present them to you in town meeting if the issue is raised on the major appropriations, namely:

(1) Schools,
(2) Highways,
(3) Snow,
(4) Lights,
(5) Moth Department,
(6) Maturing Debts,

we shall report on briefly below.

(1) *Schools:* We again praise them for their co-operation and expect to see them with an unexpended balance at the close of the year.

(2) *Highways:* A year ago we said in the report:

"*Highways.* Your committee believes as a matter of policy that the Highway Department should, together with the Selectmen, determine the work to be done on highways.

"We believe that each year a definite fixed sum should be appropriated:

(1) For new macadam roads;
(2) For general maintenance of highways;
(3) For sidewalks;
(4) For special urgent needs.

"We believe that the town has wasted far too much money on patchwork in the past, and only by adopting a definite annual

policy can the town hope to see a general improvement of its highways."

On this basis we have recommended:

(1) For new roads (see Article No. 10)	$10,000 00
(2) For general maintenance	16,500 00

We have suggested increasing the salary of surveyor to $1,500.00 (from $1,200.00 in 1925 and $800.00 in 1924), and believe $15,000.00 is enough to spend on maintenance and patchwork, as it was in 1923 and 1924. As we build permanent roads, our maintenance will decrease and the more we spend on maintenance and patching the less we have for permanent roads.

Main Street is mostly State road. Essex Street, our other main artery, is to be, we hope, completed. We must strive each year to make a piece of our other roads permanent—obviously they can be narrower, and lighter of construction to carry the load.

(3) Under Sidewalks we have allowed $500.00 to take care of the Article 7, but this does not mean that the surveyor will not improve other walks under "General Maintenance."

(4) Under Urgent Needs, we have allotted $3,000.00 for extra oil and steam roller work, also $4,000.00 to cover Articles 6, 8 and 9, which we believe the surveyor can and should do most economically and efficiently in connection with the general supervision of the highways.

This is a total of $34,000.00 for highways in 1926 as against $35,000.00 in 1925.

(3) *Snow:* There are several elements to consider in this connection. Storms cannot be estimated, but efficiency of operation and scope of the work have much bearing on the expense. We question the advisability of depending on our "town" truck. Its maintenance has proven costly. We question the actual need of the extent of snow carted away. We urge that a committee be appointed to serve gratuitously to study in detail the snow prob-

lem—as to equipment to be hired or bought, etc., and to report to the Selectmen their findings by July 1, 1926.

(4) *Street Lights:* The cost has increased from $6,500.00 in 1923 to $7,800.00 asked for in 1926. This is due to "all night lights" which was voted in 1925 and increased costs and added lights. We hope the number of lights will not increase and that petitioners will bear in mind that each light (extra) costs $24.50 per annum at present rates.

(5) *Moth Department:* The scope of this work is indefinite and variable and to a large measure results obtained are dependent on the manner in which the money is expended. The State authorities report our section in good condition and we hope to see economies in this department.

(6) *Maturing Debts:* We have $5,500.00 coming due this year, which would ordinarily come out of taxes and mean $1.00 on the tax. Our surplus account is $20,600, large enough in this instance and year to take care of this amount, and we recommend that it be paid out of surplus, reducing our surplus to its normal average of $15,000.00.

In summarizing: A reading of the table of our recommendations does not tell the whole story of what the Finance Committee has done and is doing to keep appropriations within a reasonable limit. The fact that each department knows that all requests are carefully scrutinized, has brought about a situation where the department heads pay greater attention to their budget request and we find, as a rule, they are anxious to co-operate for the benefit of the town. We wish to thank the department heads for their co-operation and particularly those who have aided us in our task, by voluntarily reducing the appropriation asked for.

You will note that our voted appropriations this year as

recommended by this committee total $140,480.00 as against $133,645.00 in 1925.

By spreading Essex Street construction cost over a period of years, we may be able to hold the tax rate at its present level.

Attached to this report is a table of Town Appropriations and Expenses, also the requests for the year 1926 and recommendations of this Committee.

G. v. L. MEYER, *Chairman,*
J. C. R. PEABODY, *Vice-Chairman,*
L. A. HASKELL, *Secretary,*
LESTER E. McGARRY,
Wm. W. BANCROFT,

Feb. 15, 1926. *Finance Committee.*

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSES

	1923 Voted	1924 Voted	1924 Spent	1925 Voted	1925 Spent	1926 Req.	Recommended 1926 Salary	Sundry	Total	
Moderator	$50	$50	$30	$50	$20	..P.D.	$10	..	..	Moderator
Finance Committee	25	25	8	25	4	..	..	..	..	Finance Committee
Accounting	1,100	1,300	1,289	1,300	1,288	1,300	1,200	100	1,300	Accounting
Selectmen	1,100	1,100	1,008	1,100	1,095	1,400	850	450	1,300	Selectmen
Treasurer	900	900	911	900	861	900	750	150	900	Treasurer
Collector	800	800	772	800	763	900	600	300	900	Collector
Assessors	1,400	2,000	1,992	2,000	1,997	2,500	P.D. 5	*150	1,650	*Binding Maps
Certification Notes	20	20	12	20	12	20	..	..	15	Certification Notes
Law	200	200	200	300	300	300	200	..	200	Law
Town Clerk	550	650	647	650	646	650	500	150	650	Town Clerk
Election Registration	750	1,000	952	700	525	1,000	..	..	900	Election Registration
Town Hall	1,700	2,000	1,989	2,000	1,994	2,400		Ins. 250	2,250	Town Hall
Police Department	1,500	2,200	2,096	2,200	2,193	2,200			2,100	Police Department
Fire Department—										Fire Department—
1. General	..	..	2,258	2,370	2,271					1. General
2. Medical Aid	..	..	540	1,568	2,213					2. Medical Aid
3. New Engine	..	..	6,500	Ins.	477					3. New Engine
4. Hose and Repairs	..	..	1,250	1,250	1,250					4. Hose and Repairs
Total	1,500	1,500	10,548	6,418	6,807	2,435			2,200	Total
Sealer	150	300	261	300	294	300			250	Sealer
Moth (Town Work)						3,000			3,000	Moth (Town Work)
Special Refunded			1,004	..	1,200	1,500			1,500	Special Refunded
Total	4,700	4,700	4,699	4,700	4,679	4,500			4,500	Total
Tree Warden	800	800	790	800	789	800			500	Tree Warden
Forest Warden	65	65	62	85	42	85			65	Forest Warden
Health Department	1,000	1,600	1,990	1,800	1,447	1,800	100		1,800	Health Department
Inspector of Animals	75	75	42	75	58	75			60	Inspector of Animals
Snow	18,000	4,800	4,900	4,000	3,999	5,000 plus			10,000	Snow
Game Warden	10	10	10	15	10	15	10		15	Game Warden
Street Lights	6,500	6,500	6,500	7,500	7,201	7,800			7,800	Street Lights
Poor Department	4,000	4,000	3,357	4,000	2,110	4,000	100		4,000	Poor Department
State Aid	300	300	156	300	228	300			300	State Aid
Soldiers' Relief	400	300	174	300	440	450			450	Soldiers' Relief
Public Library	2,500	4,000	4,400	2,650	2,550	2,400			2,400	Public Library
Parks	100	100	100	350	303	350			350	Parks
Fence, Winthrop Park	..	..	..	..	..	200			200	Fence, Winthrop Park
Memorial Day	200	200	211	250	245	250			250	Memorial Day
Town Reports	350	350	349	400	399	400			400	Town Reports
Town Clock	50	50	25	50	47	50			50	Town Clock
American Legion	250	250	250	250	250	250			250	American Legion
Boiler Insurance	70	50	37	125	103	75			75	Boiler Insurance
Cemetery	750	800	792	800	800	900			900	Cemetery
Highways—										Highways—
1. New Roads					9,000			(see Article 10)		1. New Roads
2. General Maintenance			15,000	11,200	19,000		1,500	15,000	16,500	2. General Maintenance
3. Sidewalks (Article 7)					930	500			500	3. Sidewalks (Article 7)
4. Special and Urgent Needs			800		3,000				3,000	4. Special
Town Warrant: (Articles 6, 8, 9)			3,900		2,400				4,000	Town Warrant: (Articles 6, 8, 9)
Highways Total	15,000	15,800	19,700		35,300	27,500			24,000	Highways Total
Reserve	3,000	3,000	3,000		3,600	3,000			3,000	Reserve
Interest	2,500	2,700	2,800	3,500	3,100	3,300			3,300	Interest
Maturing Debts	(To be taken from surplus and not from taxes)							5,500	..	Maturing Debts
School Department—										School Department—
1. General				41,700	41,700	43,350			42,950	1. General
2. Ind. Tuition				450		450			450	2. Ind. Tuition
3. Extras	(Painting, Fire esc.)			3,300		400		(Roof)	400	3. Extras
4. Insurance				300		2,500*			1,100	4. Insurance
Total Schools	47,260	44,654	45,384	45,750	45,745	46,600*			44,900	Total Schools
GRAND TOTALS									$124,180	GRAND TOTALS

ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT INVOLVING MONEY TO BE VOTED ON

Article 5.	Two Fire Cisterns	$3,000	Contract	$3,000	Article 5
" 6.	($4,500 has been included in	2,000			" 6
" 7.	the Highway Appropriation	500	see Highways		" 7
" 8.	for these Articles 6, 7, 8,	1,500			" 8
" 9.	9, specially)	500			" 9
" 10.	Essex Street	10,000	Contract	10,000	" 10
" 11.	Town Hall, Water Supply	800	Contract	800	" 11
" 12.	Town Hall, Painting and Sheds	800	Contract	800	" 12
" 13.	Town Hall, Land	1,000		1,000	" 13
" 14.	Central Park	500	(Not urgent)		" 14
" 15.	Street Light		(Street Light		" 15
" 16.	Street Light		Contract)		" 16
" 17.	Engine House Alteration	700	Contract	700	" 17
" 18.	Land of F. H. Prince		Approved		" 18
" 19.	Routine Vote		Approved		" 19
	Grand Total Spent as per Votes 1925	$133,645		$140,480	Grand Total to be Voted. Appropriated 1926 as recommended.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMILTON

FOR THE YEAR

1925

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The School Committee presents herewith its annual report, together with those of the Superintendent and several special teachers, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

General.

The general work of the department has proceeded in a normal manner throughout the year, due to the very efficient guidance of the Superintendent and High School Principal. The details of management and the change in teachers are fully covered in the report of the Superintendent, Principal of the High School, and the special teachers, to which your attention is particularly directed.

Reduced Cost of Operation.

The year just closed is the first full year in which the work has been concentrated in the South and East Schools. The superior educational results of this policy have been so manifest that no one would think of returning to the old plan. The financial saving, shown by the figures below, speak for themselves, and this notwithstanding the fact that the Committee has met the needed increases in teachers' salaries and made necessary additions to the equipment of the schools.

General expenses of the schools in 1923.....$44,901 07
General expenses of the schools in 1924..... 44,658 17
General expenses of the schools in 1925..... 41,978 19

Special appropriations vary so from year to year that they have not been included in these figures.

The Improved Transportation Service.

The almost ideal transportation service made possible by your special appropriation of 1925, has entirely justified the increased cost. Mr. Mann and Mr. Lamson have both provided good, safe, enclosed and heated busses; and the drivers are all anyone could ask for. The cost of this improved service is made a part of the regular budget this year.

Painting

The special appropriation for painting was well and economically spent.

The work included painting the outside of the South School and two annexes, painting some rooms inside, and refinishing a number of desks; also the outside trimmings and some inside work at the East School.

Fire Escape

The special appropriation for fire escape enabled us to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. The work was well done and to the satisfaction of the Inspector and Committee.

Insurance.

At the suggestion of the Finance Committee we are trying to arrange the insurance so that a portion of the premiums will come due each year, instead of practically all of them coming due every third year as at present.

We expect to be able to do this, but are unable at present to give the citizens definite information.

South School Roof.

The tin roof of the South School has been repaired several times in the past few years, and we have decided to ask for a special appropriation of $400 this year, to enable us to have a tar and gravel roof applied.

The above material would give us a surface guaranteed for twenty years, and we feel that it would be a good investment for the Town.

Recommendations.

The School Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the sum of $43,350 be appropriated for the support of the public schools for the ensuing year.

2. That the sum of $450 be appropriated for Industrial School Tuition for the ensuing year.

3. That the sum of $400 be appropriated for a new tar and gravel roof for the South School building.

4. That the sum of $240 be appropriated to take care of the dental work of the school from September to December of the ensuing year: this being at the rate of $600 per year, which is being borne by the Red Cross up to the close of school in June.

5. That the sum of be appropriated for School House Insurance for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.,
ADELAIDE D. WALSH,
ALEXANDER H. SPROUL,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Committee:

Madam and Gentlemen: I am submitting my third annual report as superintendent of your schools.

HEALTH

This topic is of sufficient importance to be given first place in any report having to do with the education of children. The health program in our schools is of the best. The school physician and nurse very methodically carry on the necessary examinations to determine the exact physical condition of every child. Individual treatment is given or recommended in so far as is justifiable, then the case is taken to the parent with a request that the family physician be consulted. The program for this work is preventive and remedial health work but the most important is the real program of health education, for thereby is laid the important foundation for future citizenship—a healthy body.

DENTAL CLINIC

Under the Nurse's Report will be found the record of Dental work as carried out in the schools.

A letter from Mr. Houston A. Thomas, Chairman of the Hamilton-Wenham branch, American Red Cross, has the following to say in regard to the continued aid from the local Red Cross branch.

We should continue this as a part of our regular school work or otherwise employ a Dental Hygienist. In either case we should have the necessary money at our disposal to carry on the work.

Mr. J. D. Whittier
Superintendent of Schools
South Hamilton, Mass.

DEAR MR. WHITTIER: In answer to your letter of August 25th I will say, that the Executive Committee of the Hamilton-Wenham Branch, American Red Cross, has voted to continue the Dental Clinic on the same terms and conditions for one more year.

The Committee, however, have instructed me to say that, owing to diminishing funds and practically no income, it will probably be impossible to continue the clinic after this year.

The local branch of the Red Cross has carried on this work in Hamilton and Wenham because it believed it to be of great benefit to the children in the schools and an education to the parents and Town Authorities in this branch of Public Health. In many other towns in this and other states, the authorities have continued a Dental Clinic, out of school appropriations, after the Red Cross had been forced, from lack of funds, to give it up.

It is earnestly hoped that the experience gained in the past few years will convince the Town Authorities of the great value of a Dental Clinic for School Children and that they will be willing to carry on the good work.

Yours very truly,

HOUSTON A. THOMAS, *Chairman*.
Hamilton-Wenham Branch
American Red Cross.

September 1, 1925.

The local Red Cross Chapter has rendered a distinct service in financing the dental clinic work for the towns of Hamilton and Wenham. In view of the fact that this organization finds it financially impossible to continue its assistance the town should show its appreciation of the services rendered by making the necessary appropriation in its regular school budget to continue the work as previously carried on or to carry on similar work which will give the desired results.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

If the prescribed school work is to be accomplished by the pupil it is necessary that he be regular in attendance to profit by the instruction given. In order that the teachers may meet the requirements of their work they should not be expected to do review work for the reason that some one has been absent from classes. During the past year every teacher has endeavored to secure as high a per cent of attendance in her school as possible.

As a result of these efforts the "Monthly Reports to the Superintendent" show that, with exceptions of rooms affected by pupils having contagious or infectious diseases, there were but a few cases in which the per cent of the attendance in any room fell below ninety. The median per cent of attendance from January to December has been ninety-four, which is one per cent higher than the State median of a year ago. Since September of this present school year an average per cent of attendance of ninety-six has been maintained. If there is neither an epidemic nor severe weather during the next few months we should be able to maintain this present high standard.

An examination of the attendance reports reaching this office disclosed the fact that there were altogether too many tardy marks. Teachers were instructed to use every means possible to reduce the number of tardinesses, but as yet our results are not sufficiently satisfactory. Without doubt parents are unaware that our records show there have been four hundred seventy-three tardy marks recorded against our pupils during the past year. This shows an average tardiness of more than one per child. When we consider that seventy-five per cent of our pupils are never tardy the above figures go to prove that an average of five or more tardy marks recorded against twenty-five per cent of the enrolment is unnecessary. Parents will render a real service to the schools if they assist in requiring more punctual attendance on the part of their children.

As an incentive to the children a "Perfect Attendance Certificate" is awarded all pupils in June neither absent nor tardy for the year. One half day's absence or one tardy mark deprives the pupil of this honor. A list of those perfect in attendance for the school year 1924-25 is appended to this report.

HONOR ROLL

That greater interest may be created among pupils of grades seven, eight and throughout the high school an "Honor List" is prepared at the end of each two months. Pupils who receive A's and B's or 1's and 2's are given a place on the list according to the per cent of A's or 1's received. The list is published in the papers as well as posted in the schools. There is a very noticeable effort on the part of many pupils to have their scholarship of such a high grade that they may win a place on the list and as near the head of the same as possible. The list of honor students from September to December, inclusive, is appended to this report.

It is noticeable that several who did not secure a place on the Honor Roll at the end of October did get on the Roll in December. The list is sure to change somewhat every ranking period and therefore should induce pupils to put forth every effort possible for a place on the same.

HOME READING WITH SCHOOL CREDIT

This topic was treated at length in my last year's report. Our results from January to June were far from satisfactory due to the fact that pupils were unable to secure the necessary books. however, this difficulty has now been overcome and we find there are now ninety pupils doing the required reading. A complete list of those having received "Reading Certificates" last June is appended to this report.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

School systems are rated as good or poor according to the professional fitness of the teachers in charge to do the required work. A teacher may be well trained and have had several years' successful teaching experience but unless professional study is carried on under able instructors said teachers soon find that they have not kept pace with the trend of modern education. They find that their work is the same from year to year with a result that they lose interest in their work from a professional standpoint. The pupils also lose interest because of the deadening instruction and long for the day to come when they may leave school.

Due to several reasons not as many of our teachers have taken professional courses this year as formerly. The chief reason seems to have been that no courses which the teachers could take have been given in the immediate vicinity of Hamilton or that the courses given at the Universities did not appeal to them. It is fully expected that several will take courses at the Normal Schools or in Extension Classes during the next summer.

Those who have taken courses during the past year are herewith given:

Teacher	Institution Attended	Course
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Bush,	Correspondence-Gregg Co.,	Gregg Shorthand.
Mrs. Hazel E. Ramer,	University Extension,	General Science.
Miss Bessie McRae,	Correspondence-Gregg Co.,	Gregg Shorthand.
Mrs. Laura Boyd,	University Extension,	U. S. History, Elementary English
Miss Margaret Batchelder,	University Extension,	Problems in Education.

EDUCATION WEEK

This week in November of every year has become a great national event. The observance of this week is looked forward to by parents, teachers and pupils. Except through the assemblies on the day observed in our schools teachers are expected to carry on the regular program of work with the exception of emphasizing one of the major subjects in order that the parents and others may become acquainted with the requirements in the several classes. A late afternoon and evening session for the Junior and Senior High Schools was maintained that parents might have an opportunity to learn from personal observation the type of work the children are doing.

Because of the fact that Education Week comes early in the year, before pupils have accumulated much written work, parents were invited to the schools in the late spring that they might observe classroom work but more especially the written and art work done in the grades.

FIRE PREVENTION

Not a single month passes that we do not read in the daily press of a disastrous fire where a school building has been consumed in flames. If there is no loss of life and the property is insured there is immediate relief, otherwise the public generally gives considerable thought to the occurrence.

Thought after the loss of life or property is valueless unless it has to do with prevention of similar occurrences. There is considerable printed material available for instruction in fire prevention and other types of safety education. Much of this material has been placed in the hands of the teachers that they may instruct the pupils as to the unnecessary waste and suffering due to fires and thereby teach the pupils that they have a civic responsibility in preventing the loss of life and property. The

value of this instruction will be most difficult to measure, however, the great annual loss of life and property within our Commonwealth impels me to feel that our children should not be allowed to go through our schools without the necessary instruction.

COURSE OF STUDY

English

Teachers in the grades have been provided with a course of study in Language and Composition in which both oral, written and technical work is emphasized. Definite instruction for teaching is included with the outline for each grade. In the fifth grade but little technical grammar is included but the requirements are increased in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. At the end of the eighth grade we expct pupils to have a very definite understanding of oral and written English as well as a complete mastery of technical grammar.

Geography

During the past year your superintendent has devoted considerable time, with other educators, reviewing materials for a state course of study in geography for grades three to six, inclusive. This course has already been typed for distribution in grades three and four and will be for grades five and six as soon as the same comes from the Committee.

In order to put this course into operation that pupils may be benefited by the same it will be necessary to build up a library of reference books on geography. Much of the work outlined will not be found in a single textbook and therefore the need of a reference library. This library will correct a long-standing deficiency at the school.

Standard Tests

During the year classroom teaching results have been checked

up by giving of several standard tests. The Boston University State-wide English Test and the Wilson Language Test in three parts were given throughout the schools. Several tests prepared by your superintendent and teachers were also given in Arithmetic and Spelling.

In the State-wide English Test eighty-seven towns in this Commonwealth participated. The rank for this Superintendency Union was forty-sixth in the list of eighty-seven with a median of 19.28. The highest median score was 24.76. The lowest was 13.77. The median of town medians was 19.32 which shows that our schools were .04 below the state median. This test brought out several weaknesses in our type of instruction which were emphasized from day to day in preparation for the later Wilson Language Error Test. Almost invariably the results of each test have showed marked improvement over previous tests.

In December grades five, six and seven participated in a State-wide Arithmetic Test based upon addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and business problems. The State results are not yet available, however, the results in the Hamilton schools were found to compare very favorably with results compiled for this Superintendency Union.

PROMOTIONS

If all pupils were sure of receiving a promotion at the close of schools in June they would be most happy throughout the entire school year. Such is not the case with many pupils. Their rank cards received five times yearly are a reminder to parents and pupils that the grade of work is either below the passing grade or just on the border line. In some cases parents interview the teachers and cooperate in every way possible to have the child do satisfactory work. At other times the danger signal is not heeded, in which cases the pupils fail of promotion in June. This

failure is justifiable if the teacher, parent and pupil have cooperated to the fullest degree possible and the pupil is not able to do the work. If they have not and the pupil fails of promotion there is the feeling on the part of parent and child that the teacher is "no good" and that the child has been unjustly treated by an unsatisfactory and unsympathetic teacher. The work of these same pupils with other teachers proves that the cases of unjust treatment are very rare. Promotions are made solely on the basis of what is best for the child from an educational standpoint. In the first three grades the greater emphasis is put upon reading and language while in the following grades it is placed upon Arithmetic and English. If a pupil cannot do the work of these subjects satisfactorily it is for his advantage to repeat the year's work. He thereby masters his subject matter and has a good foundation for doing the next year's work.

In certain cases it is advisable that pupils be promoted on "condition," which means that he is given an examination at the opening of schools in September or given a month's trial in the next grade. The "conditioned" pupils are the ones the teachers and superintendent feel can do the work if they make the proper application. After being conditioned too few put forth the necessary effort to remove the condition and therefore find it necessary to repeat the full year's work.

At the close of schools in June it was found that thirteen per cent of our pupils in grades one to six had failed of promotion. This per cent is entirely too large. It can be greatly diminished with more close cooperation on the part of parents, teachers and pupils.

APPRECIATION

The assistance, received from all individuals and organizations, which has been given for the benefit for the pupils and sev-

eral schools is hereby acknowledged. All such have a tendency to broaden the field of service of the contributor and without exception have much influence in shaping the lives of the recipients.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That in general the same corps of teachers be retained for the ensuing year. That bonuses be given teachers who pursue professional courses approved by the superintendent.

That the financial assistance of interested citizens be solicited in establishing scholarships or other prizes for excellency in general scholarship or special subjects.

That a special appropriation be given for grading the grounds at the South School and improving the grounds at the South and East Schools by planting the necessary shrubbery.

That dental clinic work in some form be continued.

That our budget be sufficient to allow increases necessary to retain the services of all the teachers proven satisfactory.

CONCLUSION

My appreciation is hereby expressed to the several teachers and supervisors for their professional attitude toward the work and to the members of the school committee for the thoroughly business-like and genuinely sympathetic manner in which they grasp the needs of the school system in relation to the money appropriated by the taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. WHITTIER,
Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL SAVINGS

Salem Savings Bank

Balance, Jan. 1, 1925	$298 47
Deposits during 1925	336 66
Total	$635 13
Withdrawals and Transfers, 1925	281 67
Balance, Jan. 1, 1926	$353 46
Number of Depositors, Jan. 1, 1926	214

AGE OF ADMISSION

No child will be admitted to the first grade at the opening of school in September who will not be five years of age by the first day of October.

Pupils are admitted to this grade only during the first two weeks of school in September, unless they have attended school in some other town.

VACCINATION

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present certificates from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter during the summer vacation, as certificates of exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

SCHOOL CENSUS

As of April, 1925

	Boys	Girls
Number between five and seven years of age	34	27
Number between seven and fourteen years of age	119	131
Number between fourteen and sixteen years of age	23	48
Totals	176	206
Total Census		382

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy for the entire school year of 1924-1925:

East School

Edna Sprague

South School

Donald Stevens
Carmela De Luca
Catherine Farrell
Gladys Farrell
Jack Spear
Charles Whipple
Sarah Ayers
Isabel Caverly

Pupil from Hamilton attending Essex Agricultural School: George Morrow.

Pupil from Hamilton attending Beverly Industrial School: Roland Berry.

HOME READING WITH SCHOOL CREDIT

Public Library and Public Schools Cooperating

The following pupils received Reading Certificates for having read ten or more books from the approved list:

Grade	III	Dorothy Greeley
Grade	V	Elizabeth Crowell
		Donald Greeley
Grade	VIII	*Gladys Walton

*Received a gold star for having read five additional books.

SPELLING

The following pupils represented their grade in the Town Spelling Contest held in May, 1925:

South School

Grade	III	Chester Baker, Helen Tuck
Grade	IV	Tasea Pappas, Mary Walsh
Grade	V	Gladys Farrell, Catherine Darcy
Grade	VI	**John Sewell, Christina Pappas
Grade	VII	Marjorie Baker, Helen Tuttle
Grade	VIII	*Ellen Horgan, Edwina Tremblay

East School

Grade	III	Dorothy Whipple, Harold Knowlton
Grade	IV	Eleanor Barker, Stashia Zigalo
Grade	V	Gordon Como, Harold McDonald
Grade	VI	Norma Durkee, William Faulkner

*Winner to represent Town in Union Contest.
**Winner of Town Cup and Union Cup.

HONOR ROLL

The following pupils were on the Honor Roll September to December, inclusive:

Beatrice Edmondson
Jack Spear
Kathleen Morphew
Sarah Ayers
Thelma Bailey
Helen Foster
Bessie Dunn
Anna Barron
Wayne Hobbs
Elizabeth Pfaff
Helen Haraden
Marjorie Underhill
Violet Mason
Margaret Rutherford
Edward Honeysett
Kathryn Lamson
Lawrence Anderson
Harriette Fuller
Mary Corcoran
Evelyn Grant
Robert Robertson
Dorothy Bancroft

The following pupils were on the Honor Roll for September and October only:

Lillian Hatt
Mary Darcy
Evelyn Grant
Irene Pope
Ruth Cullity
Julia Burns

The following pupils were on the Honor Roll for November and December only:

Barbara Porter
Lois Campbell
Isabelle Caverly
Orrin Lee
Robert Fuller
Helen Tuttle
Mary MacDonald
Polly Feener
Marjorie Baker
William Ruggles
Caroline Southwick
Robert Haskell
Walter Buzzell
Barbara Knowlton
Ethelene Gould
Jennie Maione
Norman Peatfield
Mary Peterson

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR: I herewith submit my third annual report as Principal of the Hamilton Junior and Senior High Schools.

There have been 171 pupils enrolled in grades 7-12 for the school year 1925-26, distributed as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Junior I	22	19	41
Junior II	12	18	30
Junior III	9	20	29
Senior I	8	14	22
Senior II	6	22	28
Senior III	11	10	21
	68	103	171

A comparison of figures for other towns of the same class as Hamilton shows that our school retains a high percentage of those who enter. In a measure, this indicates the attitude of the community toward secondary education as practiced in the school. The per cent of the total school population that is in the four upper grades of the high school was, last year, 25 per cent. The same index for towns of the same class as Hamilton was 18 per cent. Out of those that enter the ninth grade about 65 per cent have been brought through up to graduation for the past three years. Corresponding figures for the entire country show that about 40 per cent are usually brought to graduation.

Hamilton can, this year, be proud of its corps of high school teachers. I have never had a group more industrious, more co-

operative or with better professional attitude. It is worth mentioning that the average experience of the force is eight years. This is unusual in a high school of our size.

It was recognized last year that the work in English and History needed further reorganizing and in the senior high school, intensifying. The teacher chosen for the work has attacked the situation with vigor, and many students are finding a new interest in their work. Everywhere we find the demand for a partial return of English grammar. To supply this deficiency and to carry on and improve the regular work, has been the chief consideration.

The instruction in physical education, although obviously an improvement over conditions of several years ago, is still superficial and in the case of the girls, ineffective. The grades now have a regular program of physical work, but the high school is still neglected. We cannot afford to ignore the development of the all-around activities of youth today, particularly of health, if we would refute the challenge that is being hurled at our educational and governmental institutions. Nor will a physical supervisor and an organized program of physical work be of much avail unless there is a proper place and necessary equipment to satisfy the natural enthusiasm of adolescence in the junior high and to overcome the unnatural diffidence of the senior high pupils who are forced to believe that physical education means poking their arms somewhere in the direction of the ceiling in a crowded room during the long winter months.

There has been some criticism in years past of the ability of the school to prepare pupils for college. This fear is dispelled when we face the facts. Six graduates have in the past two years entered colleges or universities and none were required to take entrance examinations. All have been successful in their work. It should be plainly understood, however, that the high school will grant college certificates only to those who maintain a rank of B. This is universal practice in high schools of good standing today.

In short, if pupils find themselves unable to enter college it is obviously either because of poor scholarship or too late a decision to enter college.

We have in the past year taken advantage of the benefits to be derived from competition in scholastic endeavors and results were satisfactory in varying degrees.

Contests were held in prize speaking, spelling, history, musical appreciation, commercial subjects, and debating. I regret that space does not permit me to give the names of the winners.

After one visits other schools it is a source of satisfaction to note the general wholesomeness of our student body—both as to personal appearance and general conduct. I wish to commend the various groups that have represented the school out of town for the gratifying comments that have come to me.

Beginning with this year's class a new method of determining honor students has been adopted in accord with the recommendation in the high school manual which states "that the awarding of honors on the basis of averages of percentile marks is unfair because standards of marking vary with different teachers and in different subjects and because competition for these honors is likely to develop an undesirable attitude toward work and one's fellow students." As a substitute we have established an honor group to contain every pupil who obtains A or B in at least three-fourths of his work. Winning a place in the honor group has no relation to assignment of parts on the graduation program.

The impossibility of holding assembly exercises in the school building has made it necessary to use the Community House for this purpose. The junior high holds some assemblies in one of the class rooms, but crowded conditions and the same old blackboards and portable desks do not give the assemblies the air of dignity or the spirit of inspiration that a suitable hall would. The community house does this, but we are limited in its use to afternoons, as to use it for single morning periods would waste

valuable time going back and forth. The exercises held there have been extremely enjoyable, however, and have been an influence in molding our student body into a unit.

Laboratory accommodations are insufficient. The chemistry class numbers twenty pupils, and there are desks for eight. This necessitates half-time laboratory work—and yet the college entrance board requirements have to be met. They are, but only because of splendid spirit shown by the pupils in spending extra hours on laboratory work.

The school library, started last year, has increased in number of books about 100 per cent, and in actual use about 500 per cent. The library is in the principal's office, and needs room for expansion. The regular annual budget for library purposes should enable us to reach the standard set by the New England Association in two or three years. The selection of books has been made very carefully. The books are in constant use.

In closing, I wish to thank the Superintendent and the School Committee for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD W. WATSON,
Principal.

REPORT OF DRAWING SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: I herewith present my report of the work in drawing since I assumed my duties in September.

My aim is not only to teach the child how to draw, but to teach him to use drawing as a means of expression, to appreciate color and shapes, to plan, construct and decorate things and feel that the subject of drawing is worth while. Through correlation with other subjects much of this can be done.

It gives me pleasure to review the progress made in the lower grades. At the beginning of the year the children learned to recognize the different colors and shapes, to fold and to cut properly. To help remember the different colors, simple little color scales and booklets were made. We have correlated the work with elementary history, geography and story-telling by making Indian borders, Eskimo booklets and by illustrating stories. The first grade is now working on the story of "The Three Bears." It is astonishing to see what these little people can do with a pair of scissors and a piece of paper. At Thanksgiving time the children cut baskets of fruit and vegetables and drew pictures of turkeys. At Christmas they made decorations for the room and cut stockings of toys. We are now working on Eskimo pictures.

In the fifth grade we have correlated drawing with Geography. The children made covers for a notebook and are illustrating the different industries, such as manufacturing and lumbering. In the sixth grade the work was correlated with History in the making of a history book. They planned and constructed covers to hold

their drawings and stories of our ancestors. To make the written work more attractive illuminated letters were made for each paper, thus studying lettering and simple design. At Christmas the children did other construction work in the making of calendar stands.

In the upper grades the year's work was started with nature drawings and color study. A careful study of the shapes, sizes and colors found in our specimens was made before any attempt of painting with water color. Color wheels of the six standard colors were made and color harmonies discussed. Construction work in these grades was taken up by making books to hold the drawings. Mechanical drawing and drawing to a scale was touched upon in making a plan for the books. In making these books a little is learned about bookbinding and appreciation of bookbinding. Lettering, designing and representation will have its place in this project in making a title page for the book and by drawing pictures of the finished book in various positions.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, the principal and teachers for their cooperation and help.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBIE U. CRAGG,
Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR: I herewith submit my third annual report.

Although the beneficent influence of music study reaches out in numberless directions, it is generally agreed that the primary aim of music instruction in the public schools should be the development of a lasting love for the best in music and an intelligent appreciation of it. To achieve these desirable results, four closely related lines of study must be considered, namely, Music Appreciation, Voice Culture, Sight Reading and Interpretation.

Rote singing and elimination of monotones are the two important factors in the first grade. The Toy Orchestra is used in our first grade and is a means of developing rhythm and melody. Folk dancing and singing games are used in the grades, starting with the first year.

Rote singing is carried on in the second grade along with the first steps in Music Reading, finding of "do" in the sharp and flat keys. Rote singing decreases in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades giving way to more difficult and advanced note reading and sight singing.

The poem of each song is analyzed and compared with the melody, thereby helping the child to form a picture, also bringing out as to whether or not the melody or tune reflects the mood or color of the poem. This is but one method of developing Music Appreciation in the grades. Through this method we are correlating our music with literature and art, oftentimes history and geography, this, of course, depending on the text of the poem.

A new victrola has been ordered for the use of the grades

and our appreciation work will be broadened through the use of records.

One period a week is devoted to singing in seventh and eighth grades and one period for Music Appreciation. In June a Music Memory Contest was held between the seventh and eighth grade pupils. Prizes were awarded to those having the highest scores. Sterling Silver Perfect Score Pins were given to the pupils with perfect papers. Prizes were given for the best music note books which contained notes on each selection, interesting facts regarding the composer's life and works, and also pictures to illustrate each composition.

The Hamilton Mothers' Club very kindly donated money for the prizes, which were awarded as follows:

Perfect Score Pins: Dorothy Hooper, Wilhelmina Ready, Eloise McRae, Muriel Pentz, Gladys Walton, Bessie Dunn.

Prizes for highest scores:

First, Dorothy Hooper—Lure of Music.
Second, Muriel Pentz—Face to Face with Great Musicians.
Third, Gladys Walton—How to Listen to Music.
Fourth, Sarah Ayers—Opera story "Flying Dutchman."
Fifth, Eloise McRae—Opera story, "Aïda."
Sixth, Bessie Dunn—What We Hear in Music.
Seventh, Wilhelmina Ready—Opera story "Carmen."

Prizes for best Music Memory Notebooks:

Muriel Pentz—Music.
Ellen Horgan—Opera Stories Every Child Should Know.
Gladys Walton—Opera Stories Every Child Should Know.
Polly Feener—From Song to Symphony.
Edwin Sanford—The Book of Great Musicians.

The ten pupils obtaining the highest scores went to Manchester and competed with the ten highest from the seventh and eighth grades there. Manchester won by a few points.

In view of the fact that I am devoting but one day weekly

to the music work in Hamilton it is impossible to do the type of work which should be done with the several classes. It is hoped that more time may be allowed the supervisor for classroom instruction as well as for special work which is highly important in creating interest in music.

"Music: O how faint, how weak, language fades before thy spell! Why should feeling ever speak, when thou canst breathe her soul so well?" —*Moore.*

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, Superintendent and School Committee for their hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE L. THOMAS,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: I herewith submit the annual report of the School Nurse for the Town of Hamilton.

The following is the report of the School Nurse, Miss Helen E. Purdy, from January 1, 1925 to June 26, 1925 for the Town of Hamilton:

"Defective	vision.	treatment	obtained	3
"	hearing.	"	"	1
"	teeth.	"	"	87
"	tonsils.	"	"	13
"	nutrition.	"	"	23
Urging nursing	attention.	"	"	75

No. children taken to doctor, dentist, hospital, oculist, etc. 118"

My work from October 5, 1925 to January 1, 1926 in furthering the program of improving the health of the children in this community with the cooperation of the school physician, superintendent, school committee, teachers, parents and the children themselves has been very successful although more complete cooperation from the parents is needed.

Vaccination

The importance of timely vaccination of children of school age cannot be too strongly brought to the attention of parents. It is the only safeguard to protect the community from smallpox. Children who have not been vaccinated are more susceptible to this disease. Pupils should be vaccinated in early summer, before entering the first grade in September, in order that they may enter on first of year without a sore arm which might be injured in play.

Dental Clinic

The Hamilton and Wenham branch of the Red Cross has again assisted by financing the Dental Clinic through the fifth grade. It is doubtful if this help will be given after June 30, 1926, owing to lack of funds. If this work is continued as it should be the money must be secured from some other source.

Daily Health Program

A daily health program is carried on in each grade throughout the school year. This program consists of checking up daily on every pupil, the following are emphasized: The amount of sleep, the amount of fresh air required by each; their personal habits in cleanliness, which includes the number of baths taken each week; the care given their finger nails, teeth, hair, etc. At the end of each month an average is taken in each grade. The grade having obtained the highest average is given a health banner which is kept in view of every one, until some other grade has proven its ability to obtain the banner. We find that by this simple method of instruction and follow-up work cleanliness soon becomes a habit among the children, therefore fitting them to become an asset to the community in which they live.

Stripped-to-the-Waist Examinations

We urge and request that a stripped-to-the-waist examination should be given to all the pupils in the schools, as only in this way can a beneficial examination be made. We can in this way discover defects in the initial stage and take due precaution by referring them to the family physician.

A physical examination by Dr. J. G. Corcoran was given to each pupil at the beginning of the present school year. The fol-

lowing shows result of the examination:

Defective Tonsils	46	Notices	46	Defects Corrected		5
Defective Teeth	125	"	125	"	"	38
Defective Glands	34	"	34	"	"	0
Pediculosis	5	"	5	"	"	4
Underweights	13	"	13	"	"	0
Posture Defects	107	"	107			

Total Number of Pupils Examined 401

In closing, I wish to thank the Superintendent, School Committee, Parents, Teachers and all who have cooperated in maintaining the school health program.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE L. STOBBART, R. N.,

School Nurse.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF PHYSICAL TRAINING

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: The Physical Education Department has featured three phases of the work: games, folk dancing and formal gymnastics to correct and to prevent postural defects. Our efforts for improved posture have been extended more or less over the entire school session, as in a short period we can do little more than demonstrate corrective exercises for home practice. Owing to the lack of floor space for free exercise, formal gymnastics have been given more than their due proportion of time. Lacking a gymnasium, lacking even an assembly hall, all physical activity indoors must occur in narrow aisles between seats which are fastened to the floor. Thus we are obliged to feature simple arm exercises, when we should wish to exercise the large muscle groups of the trunk and thighs. These are the muscle groups in which congestion occurs from long sitting periods, and which on an open floor we exercise most persistently.

Whenever weather permits, the Physical Education period is spent outdoors. During the fall and spring terms, when outdoor work is feasible, we feature games. Attention is not centered on a few clever athletes who represent the school while the rest of the pupils "root." On the contrary every pupil plays every game—the timid ones are encouraged until self-confidence is developed; the bully is developed into a helpful leader or is properly repressed, according to his latent characteristics.

During the winter, we introduce folk dancing into the program. Without open floor space, and with no piano, this is something of a problem. Considering the handicap under which we

work, we feel that the results have been creditable. There is a certain type of awkwardness that has gradually lessened, and has been replaced with good poise and naturalness. Folk dancing is quite definitely a thing apart from other dancing, and serves a different purpose. The dances are the heritage of hundreds of years of the peasants of Europe and are the games which they played at their festivals.

We have as our goal for each pupil: A Sound Mind in a Sound Body, and as we try to develop the bodily mechanism, it is happily a fact that the mind is developed in like degree. For every new muscular coordination is acquired through developing the neuro-muscular tract that controls the given set of muscles. The mind is trained and stabilized by use, the nervous system is trained and strengthened, the heart and lungs are developed, and the body is storing a reserve strength and endurance for future years when conditions of growth or disease may make a sudden and unexpected demand upon these physical resources.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH RHODES FOSTER,

Supervisor of Physical Training.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

TOWN HALL, THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 25, 1925, AT 8 O'CLOCK

March
Invocation ..... REV. W. F. A. STRIDE
Salutatory—"Science and Rubber" ..... RAYMOND SAULNIER
"Unfold, Ye Portals"—*Gounod* ..... GLEE CLUB CHORUS
Prophecy of 1925 ..... EMMA BALDWIN
"Adoration"—*Barowski* ..... Arthur Mason
Reading of Class History ..... DORIS STONE
"Farewell Reverie" ..... HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA
Valedictory—"The Development of Pageantry" ..... LUCY COOK
Presentation of Diplomas ..... ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.
Awarding of Washington and Franklin Medal
"Bright Star of Eve, Arise"—*Wrighton*
"Bells of the Sea"—*Lamb-Solman* } .... GLEE CLUB CHORUS
Benediction ..... REV. W. F. A. STRIDE
March

HONOR STUDENTS

Lucy Cook, First
Raymond Saulnier, Second
Doris Stone, Third
Salome Withee, Fourth
Emma Baldwin, Fifth

CLASS MOTTO

"Knowledge is Power"

CLASS COLORS

Blue and Gold

CLASS FLOWER

Jack Rose

CLASS ROLL

Raymond Joseph Saulnier
Edythe Frances Back
Helen Louise Lovering
Lena Alice Peterson
Rose Elizabeth Gildart
Mary Agnes Saulnier
Emma Baldwin
Dorothy Alberta Cross
Arthur Mason, Jr.
Hovey Francis Humphrey
Lucy Harriett Cook
Hilda M. Dodge
Elmer Hazlett Smith
Allan MacCurrach
M. Salome Withee
Wilhelmina Warner Dodge
Grace Madeline Hooper
Doris May Stone
Anna Frances Poole

MEMBERSHIP BY AGES AND GRADE, APRIL 1, 1925

Grades	AGES 5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Totals	% Re-tarted
1	14	21	5	1												41	2
2		17	23	5	1											46	2
3			12	16	6	1										35	2
4			15	17	10	10	1	1								54	3
5					6	15	13	4								38	10
6						12	17	12	3		1	1				46	10
7						1	8	15	12	2						38	5
8							1	5	12	7	5	1				31	19
9									5	12	11	1	1			30	6
10										7	12	9	3	2		33	15
11											5	7	12			24	0
12												7	11	1		19	0
Total for Grades 1 - 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	260	5
Total for Grades 7 - 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175	8
Total for Grades 1 - 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	435	6

TEACHERS' DIRECTORY, JANUARY, 1926

Name	School	Grades or Subjects	Salary	Appointment	Education Last School Attended
Howard W. Watson	High, Principal	Science and Math...	$2,700	1923	Middlebury College
Laura W. Boyd, Mrs.	High, Assistant	English and Hist...	1,450	1925	Emerson College
Bernice L. Hayward	High, Assistant	French and Latin...	1,300	1925	Boston University
Elizabeth H. Bush, Mrs.	High, Assistant	Commercial	1,450	1921	Salem Normal
Bessie F. McRae	High, Assistant	Commercial	1,200	1925	Salem Normal
Thomas F. Carr	High, Assistant	Manual Arts	1,600	1924	Fitchburg Normal
Sara C. Leighton	High, Assistant	Domestic Arts	*1,500	1924	Farmington Normal
Edna F. Hurlburt, Mrs.	Junior High	Lit. and History...	1,550	1915	Boston University
Hazel E. Ramer, Mrs.	Junior High	Science and Geo...	1,550	1921	Salem Normal
Carolyn Wyman	Junior High	English and Arith.	1,350	1925	Gorham Normal
Hannah B. Fanning	South	Grade 6	1,200	1925	Farmington Normal
Margaret K. Batchelder	South	Grade 5	1,150	1920	Salem Normal
Marion C. Joseph	South	Grade 4	1,150	1921	Salem Normal
Edith L. Fletcher	South	Grade 3	1,350	1906	Salem Normal
Maude Gooch	South	Grade 2	1,200	1925	Machias Normal
Nelly G. Cutting	South	Grade 1	1,450	1915	Salem Normal
Laura Duperry	East	Grades 4-6	1,200	1926	Castine Normal
Lucinda M. Bean	East	Grades 1-3	1,100	1925	Farmington Normal
Abbie U. Cragg	All	Drawing	250	1925	Salem Normal
Maude L. Thomas	All	Music	300	1923	Boston University
Florence L. Stobbart	All	Nurse	720	1925	Beverly Hospital
Edith Foster, Mrs.	All	Physical Training..	†100	1924	Harvard Summer

* Three-fifths paid by Hamilton.

† One day monthly.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1926-27

1926

January 4.....Schools open
February 22..... Holiday
February 26.....Schools close
March 8.....Schools open
April 19..... Holiday
April 30.....Schools close
May 10.....Schools open
May 31..... Holiday
June 24.....Schools close

Summer Vacation

September 7.....Schools open
October 12..... Holiday
November 24.....Schools close at noon
November 29.....Schools open
December 23.....Schools close

1927

January 3.....Schools open
February 22..... Holiday
February 25.....Schools close
March 7.....Schools open
April 19..... Holiday
April 29.....Schools close
May 9.....Schools open
May 30..... Holiday
June 23.....Schools close

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HAMILTON SCHOOLS

RESOURCES

Appropriation by Town	$41,700 00
Dog Tax	277 00
Refunds	15.73
Total	$41,992 73

EXPENDITURES

General Expense

Superintendence and Enforcement of Law:		
Expense of School Committee	$125 00	
Superintendent of Schools:		
Salary	$1,200 00	
Expense of office	20 17	
Clerk and Expense Supt. Union	$382 53	
School census	30 00	
Attendance officer	100 00	
Total		$1,857 70

Expense of Instruction

Teachers' Salaries:			
Principal	$2,640 00		
High School Assistants	6,860 00		
Elementary Schools	15,597 00		
Supervisor of Music	496 72		
Supervisor of Drawing	100 00		
Total		$25,693 72	
Text-books:			
High School	$356 79		
Elementary Schools	344 74		
		701 53	
Supplies:			
High School	$904 19		
Elementary Schools	583 54		
		1,487 73	
Total			$27,882 98

Expense of Operation

Janitors' Salaries:			
High School	$750 00		
Elementary Schools	1,550 00		
		2,300 00	
Fuel:			
High School	$310 17		
Elementary Schools	777 57		
		1,087 74	
Janitors' Supplies		235 44	
Miscellaneous		267 76	
Total			$3,890 94

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds

Repairs:		
High School	$678 86	
Elementary School	965 62	
Total		$1,644 48

Auxiliary Agencies

School Library		$241 20	
Health:			
School Physician	$300 00		
School Nurse	648 00		
Physical Training Supervisor	105 00		
Dental Examinations	28 00		
Supplies	105 25		
		1,186 25	
Transportation of Children		4,775 00	
Miscellaneous		215 27	
			6,417 72

Outlay

New Equipment	$284 37	
Total Expenditures		$41,978 19
Balance Unexpended		14 54
Appropriations		$41,992 73

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Industrial Schools

Beverly Industrial School	$250 50		
Lawrence Training School	93 42		
	$343 92		
Balance Unexpended		106 08	
Appropriation			$450 00

Transportation

Extra Transportation Payments	$775 00		
Balance Unexpended		225 00	
Appropriation			$1,000 00

Fire Escape

Paid to James Y. Lake Co.	$685 00		
Balance Unexpended		$15 00	
Appropriation			$700 00

Painting South School

Painting (Exterior and Interior)	$1,600 00		
Appropriation			$1,600 00

School House Insurance

Payments on Policies	$363 46		
Appropriation			$300 00
Total		$3,767 38	
Grand Total of Expenditures			$45,745 57

Respectfully submitted,

ADELAIDE D. WALSH.